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IN THE END,

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PEOPLE GO WHERE THERE IS HOPE!

EVEN WITH RISKS …

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AKAGI,

WITHOUT TRANS-FUSING HIS LOST 600 CCS OF BLOOD,

TO THE SECOND SESSION ...!

MOVES ON

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HE IS AT AN EVEN BIGGER DISADVANTAGE THAN IN THE FIRST ROUND...!

AS A RESULT,

WOULD INSTANTLY BE GONE FROM HIS BODY...

600 + 800, A TOTAL OF 1,400 CCS OF BLOOD

800

600

HE WOULD BE ON THE VERGE OF DEATH.

WITH A DIRECT HIT FROM A MANGAN HAND,

FOR EXA-MPLE,

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IT'S AN UNTHINKABLE DECISION...

TO US,

BUT,

IT'S UNTHIN-KABLE!

IN THAT CASE, IT'S PROBABLY NECESSARY.

WHO DECIDED THIS...!

IT WAS AKAGI

AND HIS SENSES

THIS GENIUS'S INSTINCTS

SO THAT HE CAN WIN!

ARE CALLING FOR A CLOSE GAME!

IT'S SOME-THING THAT PEOPLE LIKE US ...

WILL SIMPLY NEVER UNDER-STAND ...

PRAY THAT THIS ACT OF AKAGI'S

PRAY!

THERE'S ONLY ONE THING WE CAN DO...

ARE IN A REALM THAT WE CAN'T REACH.

HIS SENSES AND CALCU-LATIONS

WON'T TAKE A TURN FOR THE WORSE ...!

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PRAY THAT THE IRRATIONALITY AND UNJUSTNESS OF MAHJONG WON'T STRIKE!

WE CAN ONLY PRAY...!

IT'S ALL WE CAN DO!

MAHJONG IS RISKY!

WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT,

ANYONE CAN LOSE TO BLIND LUCK!

NO MATTER HOW STRONG,

THE STRONG DO NOT ALWAYS COME AWAY WINNERS.

IS NO EXCE-PTION!

AND AKAGI

THAT LUCK WON'T COME TO WASHIZU!

THAT'S WHY WE CAN ONLY PRAY

HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO ...!

AKAGI CAN SURVIVE IT!

IF IT'S JUST MODERATE LUCK,

FU...

DON'T LET WASHIZU GET THAT KIND OF LUCK!

SO PLEASE...!

HOW-EVER WORRI-SOME,

OHGI'S CONCERNS,

UNCON-TROLLABLE LUCK!

GETTING A HEAD START!

WERE HALF RIGHT!

KHU KHU KHU

HE DRAWS A MANGAN!

LUCK IS ON WASHIZU'S SIDE!

AT THE START OF THE SECOND SESSION.

DAMN!

MANGAN, 4,000, 2,000 ...!

TAN YAO, DORA 2.

TSUMO!

HE WINS AGAIN WITH A TILE HIS UNDER-LING DEALS!

AND AFTER THAT,

HE IS NOW IN THE LEAD BY 10,000 POINTS!

FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER TSUMO!

THERE IS ALSO THE BONUS PAYMENT.

AND OF COURSE,

HE LEADS AKAGI BY 25,000.

SIMPLY PUT, HE DOMI-NATES THE EAST ROUND.

HE'S LOST OVER HALF THE FATAL AMOUNT ...!

500

600

1,100 CCS ...!

THAT, PLUS THE 600 FROM THE FIRST SESSION BRINGS THE TOTAL TO...

THE PAYMENTS FROM TSUMO HAVE REACHED 500 CCS.

UNLESS HE CAN PUT A STOP TO WASHIZU'S LUCK,

IT WON'T MATTER!

EVEN IF HE CAN AVOID DIRECT HITS,

AN UNSPAIRING SITUATION...

IT WOULD MEAN DEATH ...!

IF HE WERE TO DEAL INTO A MANGAN HAND NEXT, IT WILL ALREADY BE 1,900 CCS.

PLUS,

HE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE BLOOD DRAWN FROM HIM.

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BUT,

HAVE BECOME TRUE.

SO FAR, OHGI'S WORRIES

A DIFFICULT EAST ROUND!

THE FLOW OF THE GAME CHANGES.

DURING THE SOUTH ROUND,

ALSO,

A GOLDEN OPPOR-TUNITY!

OUT OF NOWHERE, AKAGI GETS A TAN YAO, PIN FU, 3 COLOR STRAIGHT.

SOUTH FIRST ROUND.

MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO READ HIS WAITS!

MOST OF HIS HAND IS COVERED BY THE OPQAUE TILES,

IS QUITE

A DIRECT HIT WITH A 3 COLOR STRAIGHT

IN WASHIZU MAHJONG,

RON.

THESE OPAQUE TILES PROVE TO BE EFFECTIVE!

RARE!

ALSO,

THE LEAD DROPS TO 1,800!

AKAGI DRAWS CLOSE TO WASHIZU.

WITH THIS WIN,

THIS IS BIG ASWELL.

HE GAINS THE CHANCE TO TRANSFUSE SOME OF HIS LOST BLOOD!

HE SCORES HIS FIRST DIRECT HIT OF THE 2ND SESSION!

GUH!

HANEMAN ...!

TAN YAO, PINFU, 3 COLOR STRAIGHT, DORA 2.

THUS,

CAN BE REGAINED.

ALL 1,100 CCS OF AKAGI'S LOST BLOOD

WITH THIS 12,000 POINT WIN,

HE WILL BE FREED!

IT WOULD NOT RESULT IN INSTANT DEATH!

IF HE WERE TO DEAL INTO A MANGAN,

AT LEAST THAT'S HOW IT SEEMED

.....

UNTIL

FROM ALL HIS FEAR!

HE WILL BE RELEASED

HE REJECTS IT!

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I DON'T WANT IT ...!

EH ...?

AKAGI ...!

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I WANT TO BE LIKE THE MISER HERE AND DESIRE NOTHING BUT MONEY.

RIGHT NOW,

ONLY THEN CAN I GET WASHIZU WITHIN RANGE!

AKAGI!

MONEY.

YOU HAVE TO GET A TRANS-FUSION HERE!

YOU HAVE TO!

AKAGI!

WHY!

WHY ...!?

WH-

ONLY THEN I'LL BE ABLE TO KILL WASHIZU!

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CHAPTER 83 - FOLLY

ONLY
THEN

ONLY THEN I'LL BE ABLE TO KILL WASHIZU!

WASHIZU 36,700 Points, -64.5 mil

Session 2, South 1st Round -
AKAGI 34,900 Points, -1100 CCS

IN THE SOUTH FIRST ROUND,

NETTING HIMSELF 12,000 POINTS!

AKAGI HIT WASHIZU WITH A HANEMAN,

BUT ...

HE GAINED THE CHANCE TO REGAIN SOME OF HIS LOST BLOOD ...!

AT THE SAME TIME,

AKAGI BROUGHT THE POINT DIFFERENCE DOWN TO 1800 BEFORE THE END OF THE ROUND.

AND WITH THAT HAND,

HE KEEPS HIS LOSS OF 1,100 CCS AND CONTINUES!

AKAGI REJECTED IT...!

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SOUTH SECOND ROUND

WHY THROW AWAY YOUR BLOOD...

WHY!? WHY DIDN'T YOU GET THE TRANSFUSION!?

IT'S UNTHINK-ABLE!

WHEN ALL 1,100 CCS COULD HAVE BEEN RETURNED ...!?

TO ESCAPE FROM THIS DANGER ZONE ...!

WHY DIDN'T YOU TRY TO ESCAPE ...!?

WHY ...?

WHY MUST YOU STAY ON THE VERGE OF INSTANT DEATH?

IF YOU DEAL INTO A MANGAN HAND, YOU'LL BE DEAD INSTANTLY.

WHY?

I DON'T GET IT.

AKAGI!

I DON'T KNOW ...

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AKAGI HAS SOMETHING TO GAIN.

I'D GUESS THAT BY STAYING THIS COURSE,

IN OTHER WORDS,

IF I HAD TO GUESS,

AS FOR AKAGI'S REASON-ING..

BUT,

IT'S JUST SOMETHING THAT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND.

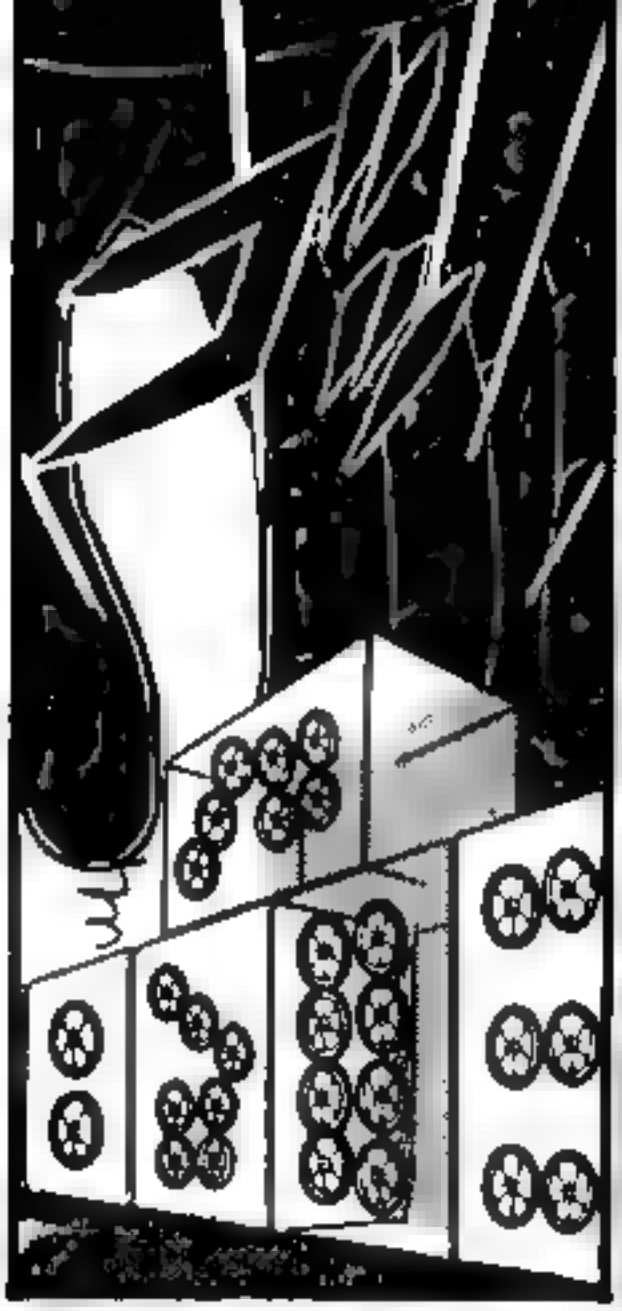
OR MAYBE ...

MAYBE THAT KIND OF SENSE IS INVOLVED HERE.

SOME-THING LIKE THAT...

SOMETHING INSIDE HIMSELF IS HONED.

IT'S AS IF BY STAYING IN THIS DANGER ZONE,



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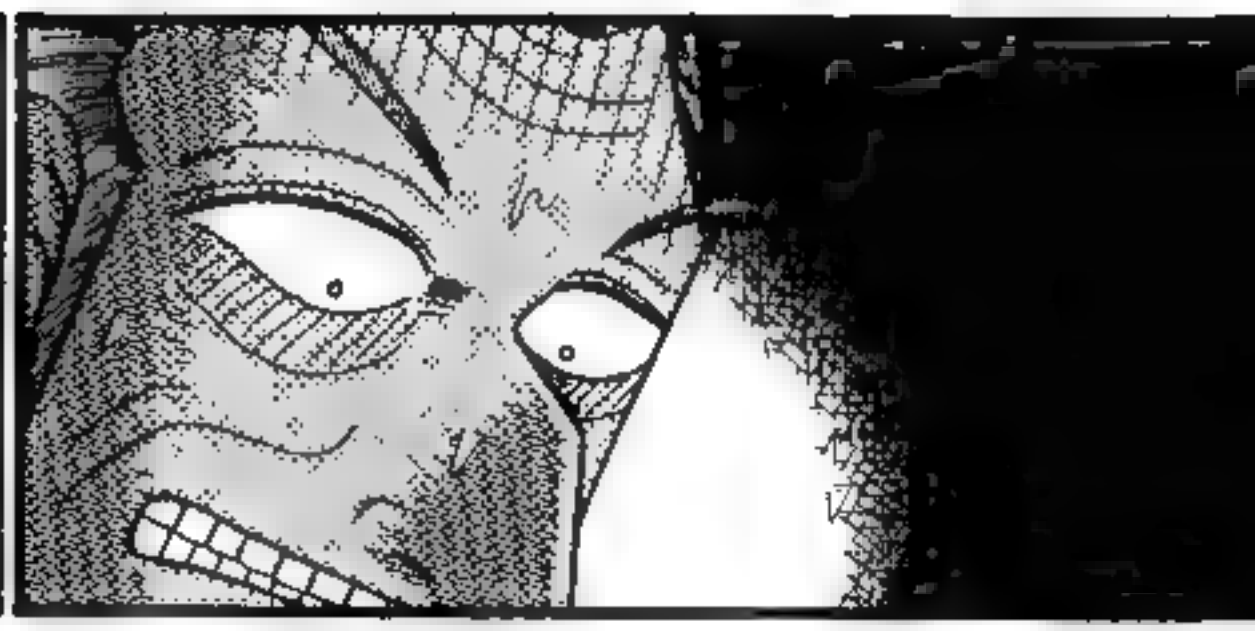

HE'S TRYING TO MAKE WASHIZU HESI-TATE?

IT MIGHT INSTILL AN INDESCRIBABLE FEAR IN HIM ...

IT COULD AFFECT WASHIZU ...

TENSION!

BY MAINTAINING THIS DANGER,

ALTHOUGH IT'S A RECKLESS ACT,

TO INSTILL THAT KIND OF PRESSURE... IS THAT AKAGI'S GOAL?

I DON'T KNOW ...!

COULD BE TOTALLY OFF!

MY SPECULATION ...

BUT,

SOMETHING LIKE THIS IS JUST BEYOND THE UNDERSTANDING

OF NORMAL MEN.

THIS IS RISKY.

WHATEVER THE REASON,

AND IT'S ALL OVER!

ONE MISTAKE ...

IS A HIGH RISK MOVE!

REFUSING TO TRANSFUSE HIS BLOOD ...

IT'S NO DIFFERENT FROM SUCIDIE!

INSTANT DEATH!

A RIDICU-
LOUS
STRATEGY!

FOLLY!

IT'S
RECK-
LESS!

IF HE
DEALS INTO
A MANGAN
HAND,

AND OF
COURSE,

BUT,

IT'S ALL
OVER...!

AKAGI
CATCHES
THE FLOW
OF THE
GAME...!

ALMOST
AS IF TO
SPITE
OHGI'S
WORRIES,

BUT OF COURSE,

HE RECEIVES 4,000 POINTS FROM WASHIZU,

A LEAD OF 10,200 POINTS.

ONTO THE SOUTH THIRD ROUND.

HE DOESN'T TAKE ANY BLOOD BACK.

WITH THIS WIN,

PIN FU, TSUMO, ITSUU, DORA 1. MANGAN.

TSUMO!

GUH!

HE OVER-TAKES WASHIZU!

AND IN THIS ROUND,

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HE SIMPLY ...

SEEING THAT WASHIZU WAS CLOSE TO TENPAI,

DEALS INTO YASUOKA'S HAND!

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RON ...!

WASHIZU'S OPPORTU-NITY IS CRUSHED!

TO AVOID DANGER,

KUU ...!

THE FINAL ROUND BEGINS!

AKAGI ENDS THE ROUND!

KHUU ...!

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IN THE END,

AND ONCE HE CAUGHT UP,

HE DIDN'T TRANS-FUSE ANY BLOOD ...

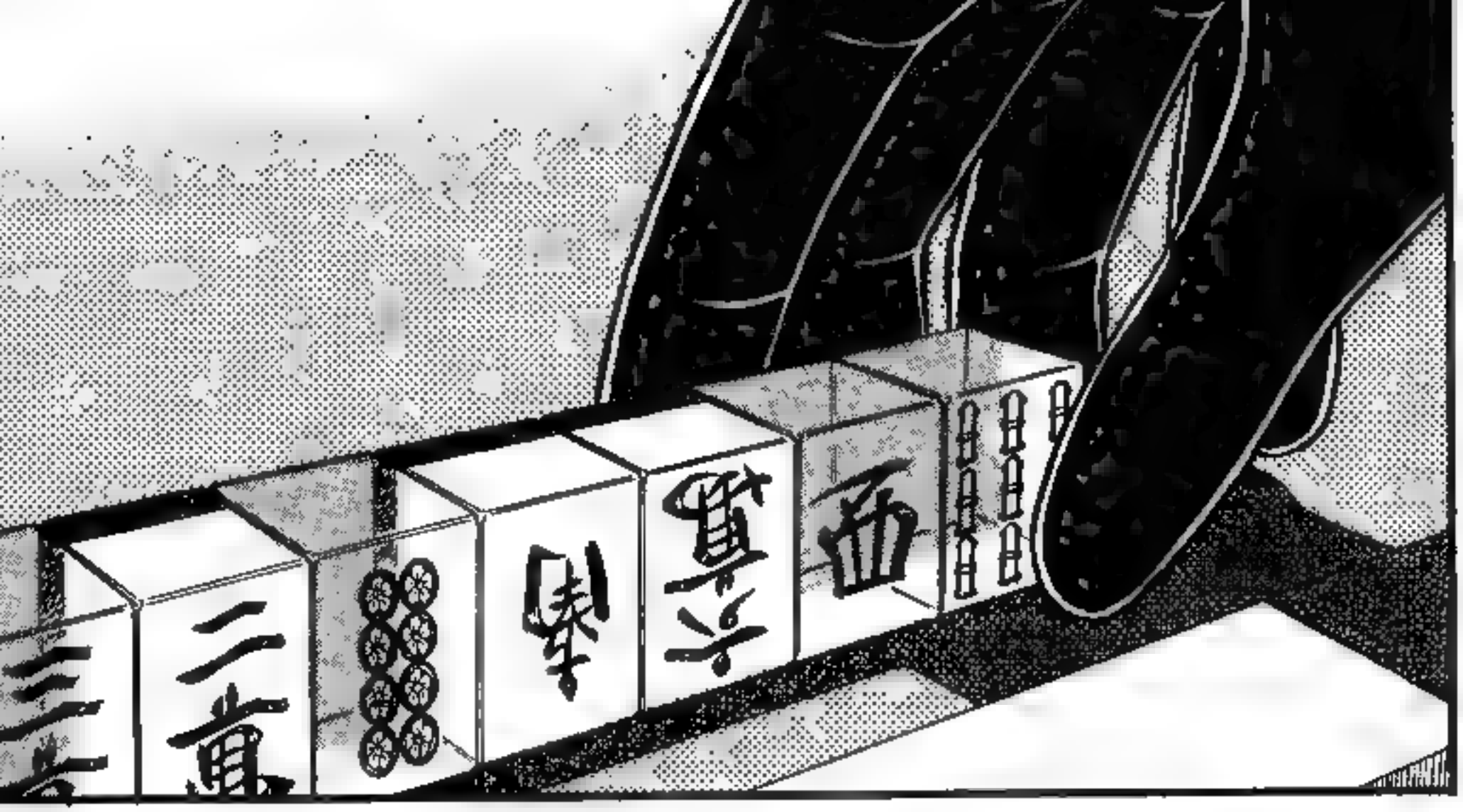
HE WAS OVER 20,000 BEHIND AT ONE POINT,

HE'S PUSHING THROUGH

HE'S ON FIRE!

NOW I REALIZE

IT WAS PRETTY NERVE WRACKING, BUT ...



HE WILL SURVIVE ...!
IF HE WINS THIS ROUND,
ONLY ONE ROUND LEFT...

THE LAST GAME BEGINS.
WITH OHGI HOPING FOR THAT WIN,
AND THE SECOND SESION WILL END!

AKAGI'S STARTING HAND!

BASICALLY, WASHIZU WOULD HAVE TO HAVE A GAME CHANGING HAND.

BUT IF HE CAN'T, DEPENDING ON WASHIZU'S HAND, VICTORY COULD STILL FALL RIGHT INTO AKAGI'S LAP.

IT WOULD BE BEST IF AKAGI WENT FOR ANOTHER TURN AS DEALER,

FOR THIS ROUND,

NOT BAD ...

WE'LL WIN!

IS A TSUMO WITH A MANGAN HAND!

THE SCARIEST THING WASHIZU COULD GET

AS LONG AS WASHIZU DOESN'T GET THAT,

AKAGI HAS GOOD CHANCES.

HE'S 9,200 POINTS BEHIND.

AS OF NOW,

WASHIZU!

THE PROBLEM IS...

AKAGI IS NOT IN BAD SHAPE.

BUT HE COULD WIN QUICKLY, DEPENDING ON HIS DRAWS...

IT'S NOT THE BEST,

WASHIZU'S STARTING HAND!

BUT,

OHGI BEGINS TO RELAX.

SEEING WASHIZU'S STARTING HAND,

WE'LL WIN BIG!

AKAGI SENSES SOMETHING FROM WASHIZU'S HAND.

HE FEELS THE OPPOSITE OF OHGI AT THIS MOMENT.

RATHER,

AKAGI DOES NOT.

WE CAN DO IT!

WITH THIS, A WIN IS REALLY WITHIN OUR GRASP!

IT LOOKS BAD!

YES!

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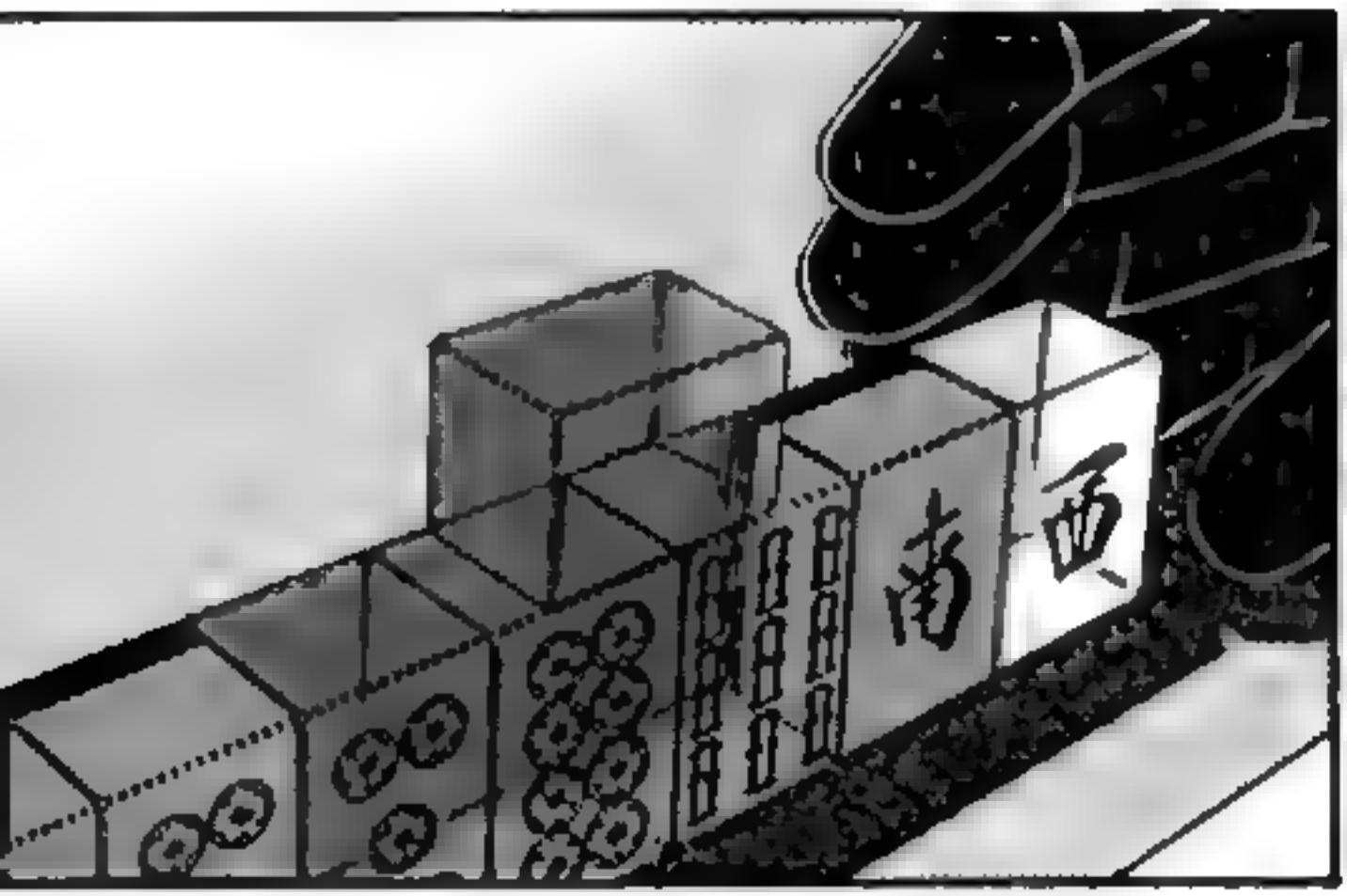
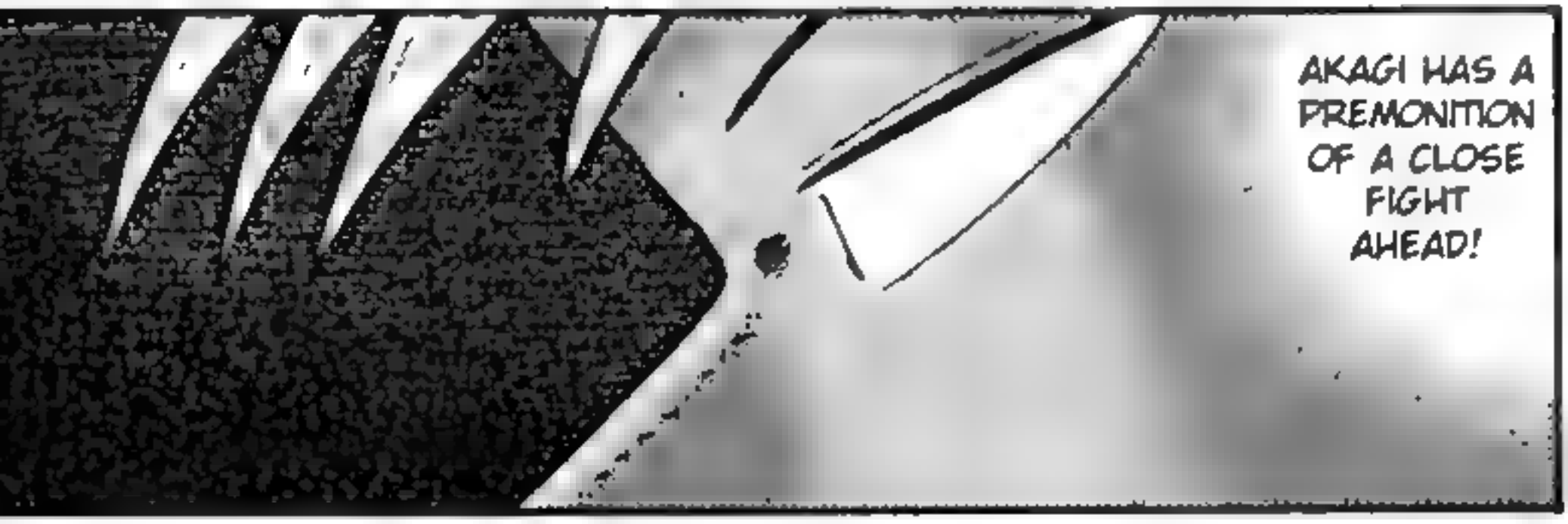
A PREMONITION...





THE EXISTENCE OF AN ALIEN OBJECT!

WASHIZU 32,700 Points, -68.5 mil

Session 2, South 3rd Round -
AKAGI 41,900 Points, 1,100 CCS

THE LAST GAME OF WASHIZU MAHJONG!

2ND SESSION, FINAL ROUND.

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I'LL HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THIS OBSTA-CLE.

IN ORDER TO WIN,

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AKAGI IS SURPRI-SINGLY HESI-TANT!

AND ON HIS FIRST DEALING,

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YOU'RE 9,200 POINTS AHEAD OF WASHIZU.
THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANYTHING TO WORRY ABOUT ...

WHAT'S GOING ON?
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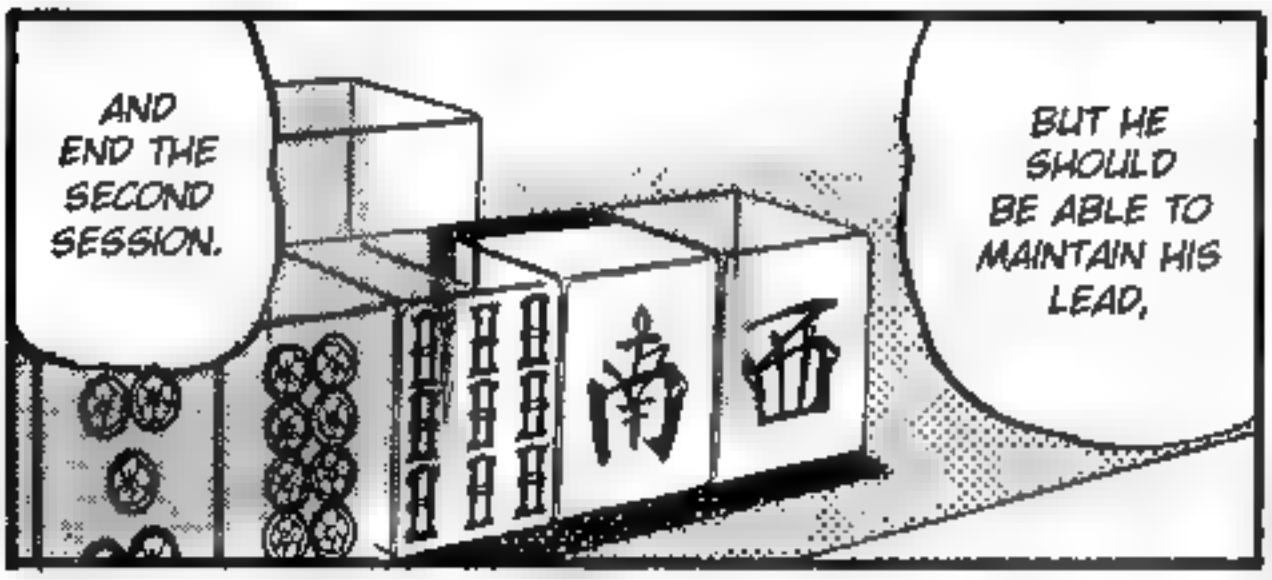
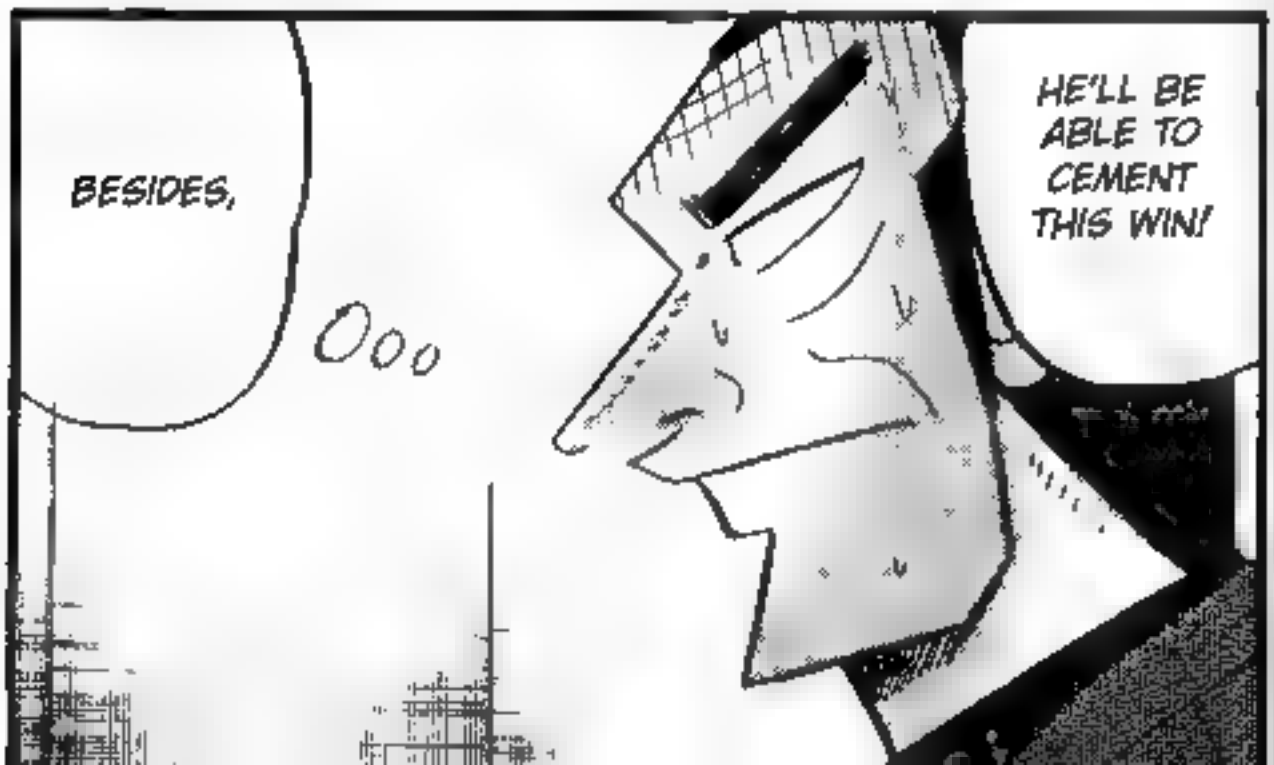

AND END THE SECOND SESSION.
BUT HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN HIS LEAD.

THE ONLY THING AKAGI HAS TO WORRY ABOUT IS WASHIZU GETTING A MANGAN TSUMO.
FOR THIS ROUND,


BESIDES,
HE'LL BE ABLE TO CEMENT THIS WIN!

HE CAN'T WIN!

LET ALONE A MANGAN!

DOESN'T EVEN LOOK VERY GOOD!

WASHIZU'S HAND

HE CAN BARELY MAKE A HAND,

AH!

AND THE XIA...

XIA IS THE DORA!

THAT'S IT ... THE DORA!

FANPAI!

IS WASHIZU'S WIND!

THE ONE TILE NEEDED TO MAKE A COMBACK!

IT'S A TICKEN TO A MANGAN!

IF WASHIZU CALLS IT, HE'LL ALREADY HAVE MANGAN!

AND WA-SHIZU

IN THIS LAST ROUND, WASHIZU GOT IT!

HE GOT IT!

HE COULD HAVE MORE THAN 1 TILE.

NO,

WHICH MEANS...

HE WOULD HAVE A PAIR...!

IF THAT OPAQUE TILE IS ALSO A XIA

AKAGI'S XIA...

IS THE KEY TO HIS OWN DEFEAT!!

THIS XIA ...

IF HE DOESN'T DEAL WITH IT RIGHT,

WHAT IS HE GOING TO DO?

WILL YOU KEEP IT?

KHU!

IT COULD BE HIS DEATH!

COULD BE HIS FATAL WOUND.

THE SINGLE DEMON ...

IT IS A DEMON ...

SHIT!

THAT LURKS IN HIS RANKS!

ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP THE XIA!?

AND WAIT FOR THE GAME TO END!

YOU COULD JUST KEEP THE XIA,

YOU COULD ALWAYS HOLD ON TO IT.

IF WASHIZU DOESN'T GIVE IT UP,

YOU MIGHT MAKE A PAIR OUT OF IT!

AND IF YOU ARE LUCKY,

YOU HAVE TO MAKE THAT CHOICE!

YOU COULD HAVE A SINGLE WAIT ON THE XIA, IF IT COMES DOWN TO IT!

YOU COULD STILL GET INTO TENPAI.

BUT EVEN IF THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN,

WOULD THAT BE RIGHT CALL?

WOULD PROBABLY BE HIS SAFEST BET...

HOLDING ONTO IT ...

ON THE OTHER HAND...

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IS HE GOING TO DEAL IT NOW ...!?

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WILL HE DEAL IT!?

IT COULD WORK AS LONG AS WASHIZU DOESN'T HAVE TWO OF THE XIA!

CONSIDERING THAT OPTION.

RIGHT NOW, AKAGI IS PROBABLY

HE PROBA-BLY ONLY HAS ONE

YES...

IT'S PRETTY UNLIKELY THAT HE'D HAVE TWO OF THEM!

AFTER ALL, HE PROBABLY HAS ONLY ONE.

BEFORE WASHIZU CAN GET A PAIR,

SO,

HE'S GOTTA ONLY HAVE ONE!

HE COULD GET AWAY FROM THIS RESTRICTION OF THE XIA!

IF HE DOES,

NOW, BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

DEAL IT!

THAT COULD BACK-FIRE...

BUT ...

IF IT REALLY IS A PAIR...

THAT XIA...

THE WORST POSSIBLE DEALING!

IT WOULD BE...

A FOOLISH MOVE!

WASHIZU WOULD HAVE FANPAI OF THE DORA!

OUT OF NOWHERE,

DAMMIT!

.....

IT WOULD BE AN IRREVERSIBLE BLUNDER!

AND ASKING THEM TO KILL YOU!!

IT'D BE LIKE GIVING SOMEONE A KNIFE

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

WHAT SHOULD YOU...

AAH!

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AKAGI!

FLASH

AKAGI CHOSE TO DISCARD THE 9 SOU!

IN THE END,

HE KEEPS THE XIA!

PLAY-ING IT SAFE?

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I GUESS IT'S ONLY NATURAL ...

WHY CUT THE DORA ANYWAYS?

IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT,

YEAH, I CAN SEE THAT ...

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

HE CAN ALWAYS DEAL IT AFTER SEEING HOW WASHIZU REACTS...

AND OF COURSE,

RIGHT WHEN OHGI THOUGHT THAT,

BUT,

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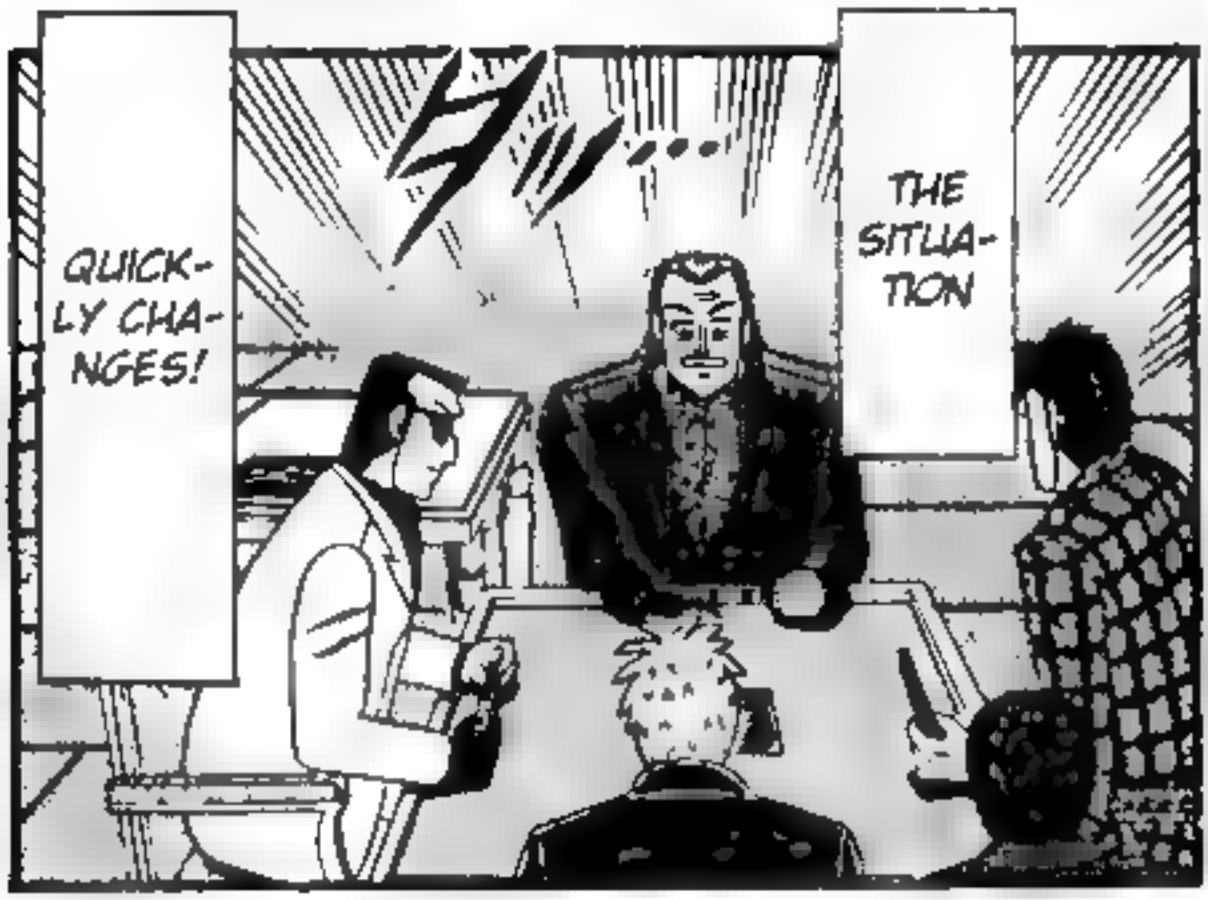
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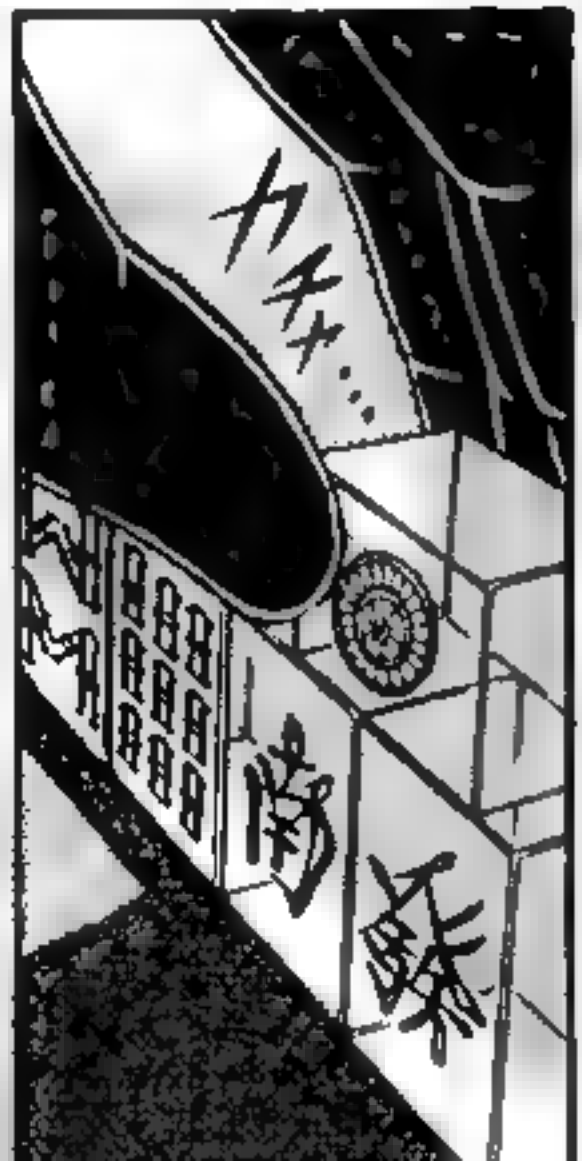

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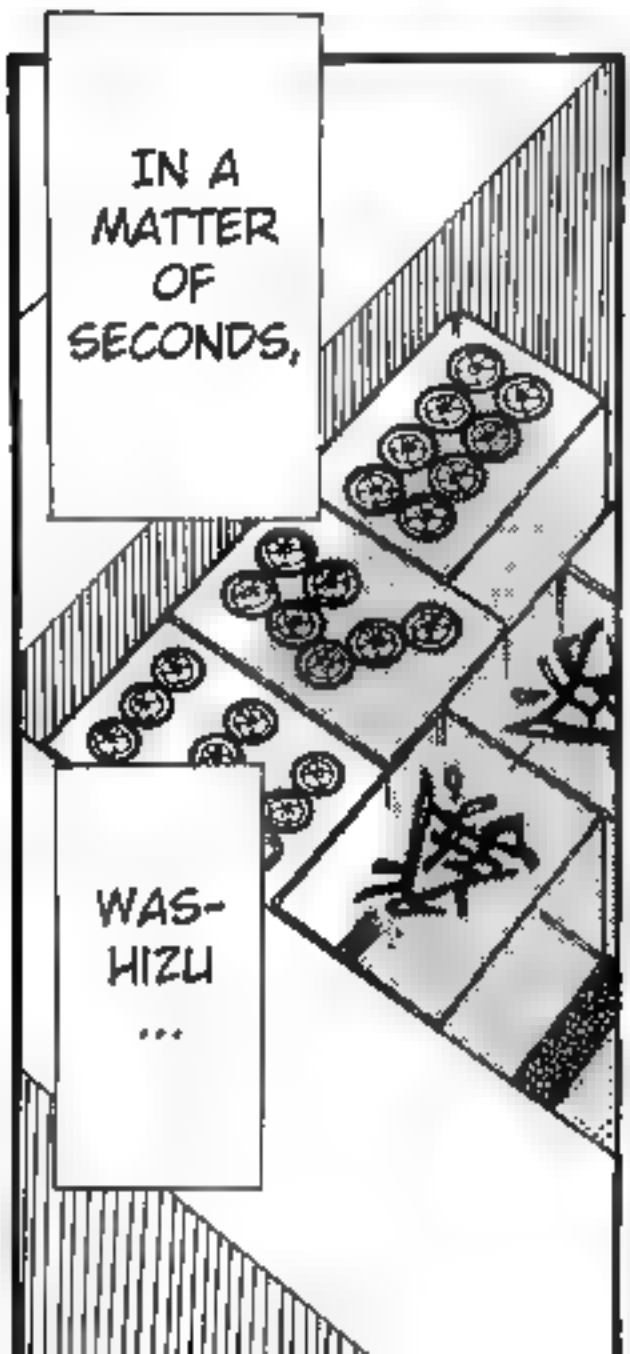
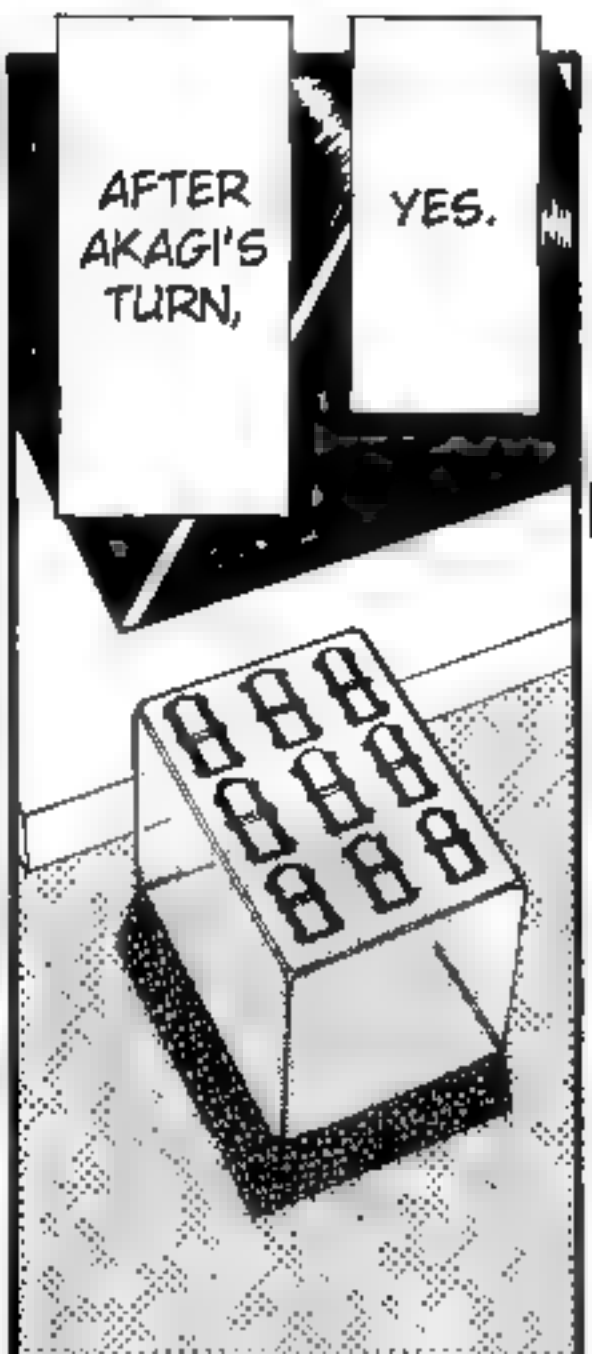

IN A MATTER OF SECONDS,
WAS-HIZU ...


AFTER AKAGI'S TURN,
YES.

NO WAY!
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HIS HAND RAPIDLY PROGR-ESSES!

MAKES TWO CALLS!

!

HE COULD MAKE A COME-BACK! A TSUMO ON A MANGAN HAND!

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PLUS, AN INDICATION OF TENPAI REARS IT UGLY HEAD!

IT'S ENTIRELY WITHIN THE REALM OF POSSIBIL-ITY!

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PLUS, HE HAS THE POTENTIAL FOR A HATSU, HONITSU, DORA 2 HAND.

THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING

IMPOS-SIBLE!

NO!

SIMP LY IMPO SSI-BLE!

GUH!

AKAGI CAN'T DEAL THE XIA ANYMORE!

HE CAN'T DEAL IT ANYMORE..

BUT ...

HE'S PROB-ABLY NOT IN TENPAI YET...

AND WASHIZU CALLS IT..

IF HE DEALS THE XIA

IF HE DOES

HANE-MAN!

HE'D HAVE HATSU, HONITSU, DORA 3!

GAH ...!

SINCE THE DIF-FER-ENCE IS 9,200 ...!

THE POINTS..

GUH!

HE'LL LOSE ...!

IT'D STILL CAUSE AN UPSET!

EVEN IF SUZUKI DEALS INTO HIS HAND,

WITH A HANEMAN, HE WON'T HAVE TO RELY ON TSUMO!

AKAGI WILL ....

DIE!

CHAPTER 85 FEAR

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2nd Session, South 4th Round, 0 Honba
Akagi: 41,900 points, -1100 ccs
Washizu: 32,700 points, -68.5 Million
It had felt as though he could easily survive this final round and make it to the 3rd Session...
But on the very first turn...
And at a glance it had appeared his hand was better than Washizu's, as well.
Akagi was ahead of Washizu by 9200 points...
A sudden change!
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The final round of the session.
It was the South 4th Round of the 2nd Session.
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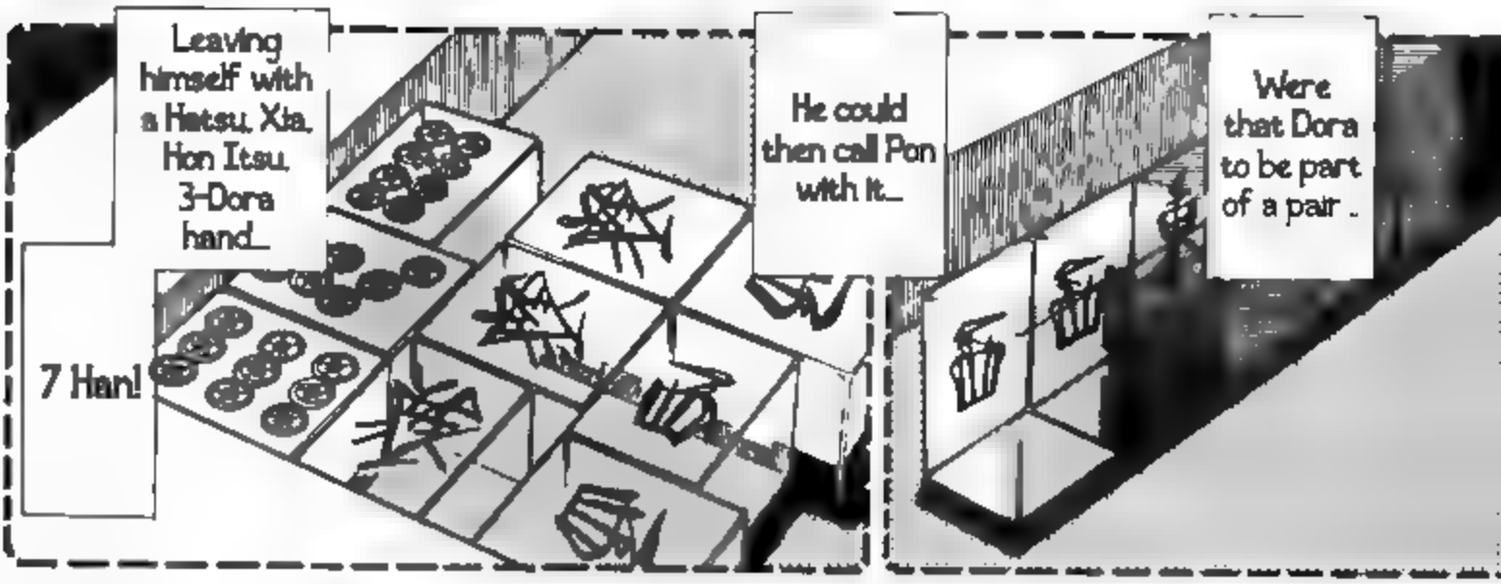
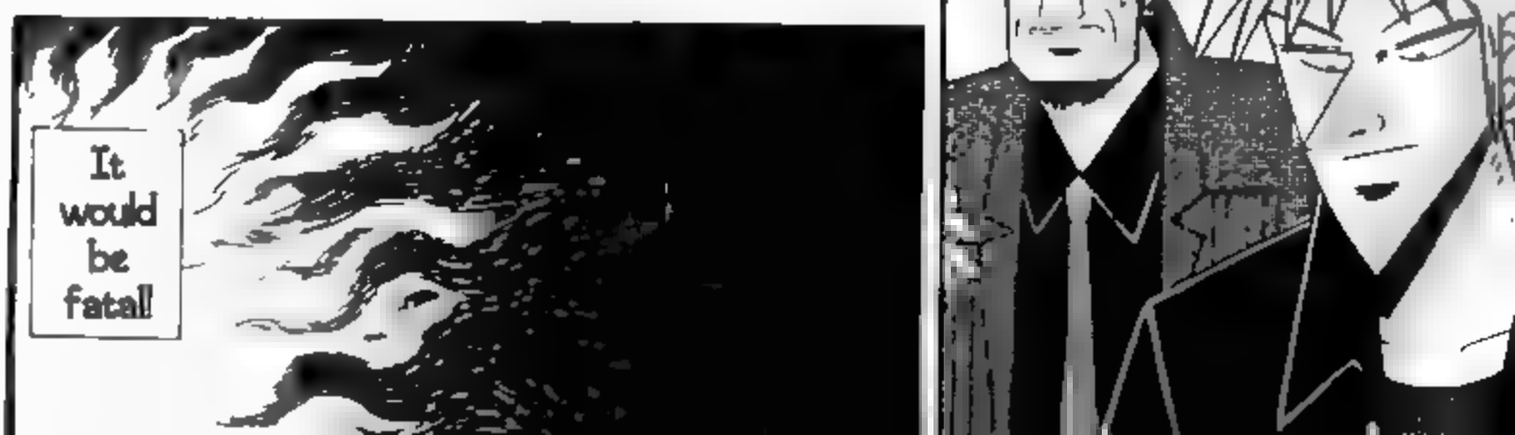
And more-over...
A swift attack that gave his hand the appearance of Tenpai.
Without a moment's notice, Washizu made two consecutive calls!

He had the Dora, his seat wind, in his hand!


Leaving himself with a Hatsu. Xia. Hon Itsu. 3-Dora hand...
7 Han!
He could then call Pon with it...
Were that Dora to be part of a pair..

It would cause an upset!
Even if he just had his ally deal into his hand...
And if it's a Hane-man...
That would be Hane-man!


It would be fatal!

And let Washizu call it...
If Suzuki were to draw the Xia now...
Therefore...

He would simply deal in and end it all!
Then on the next turn...

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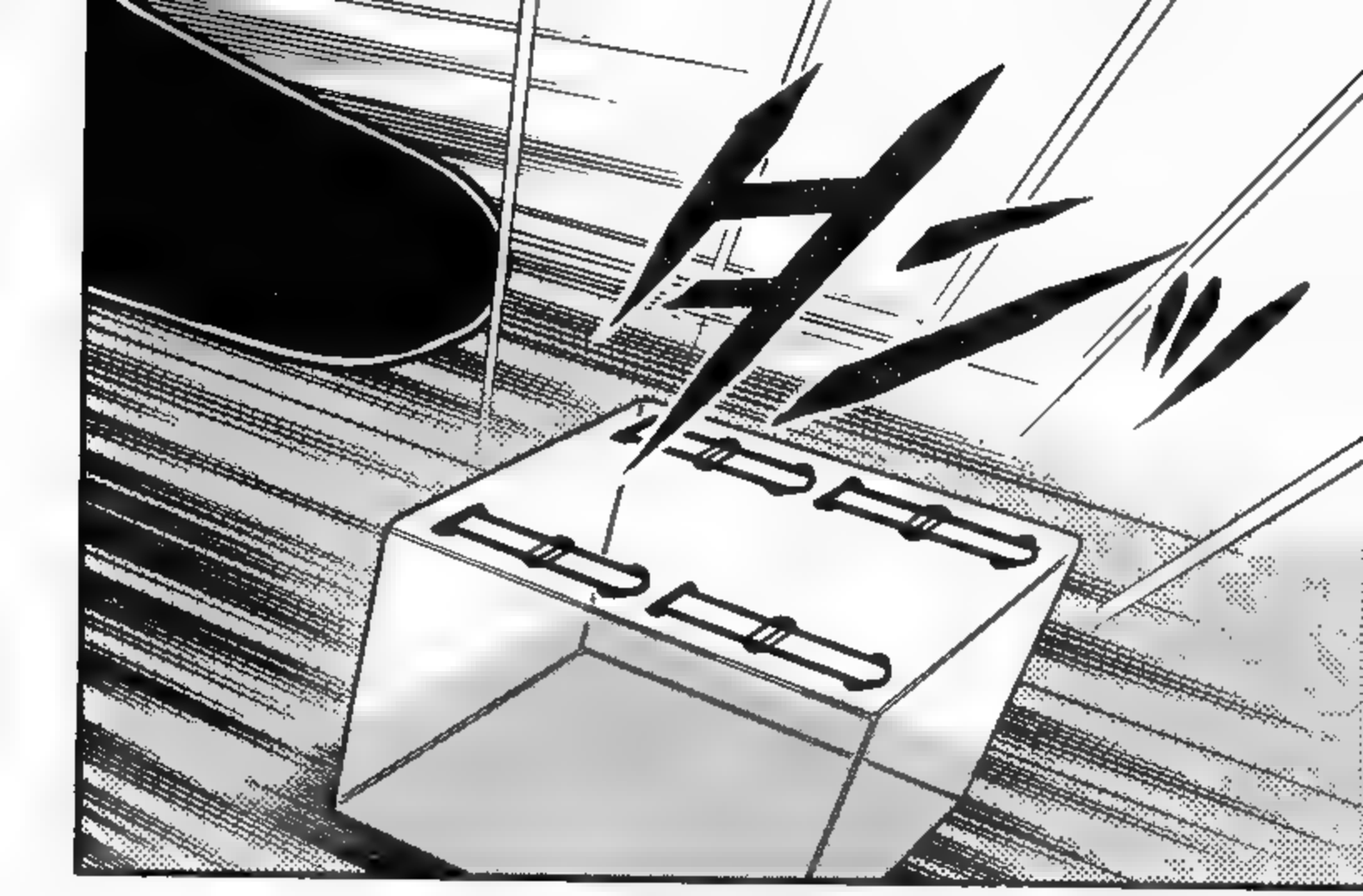
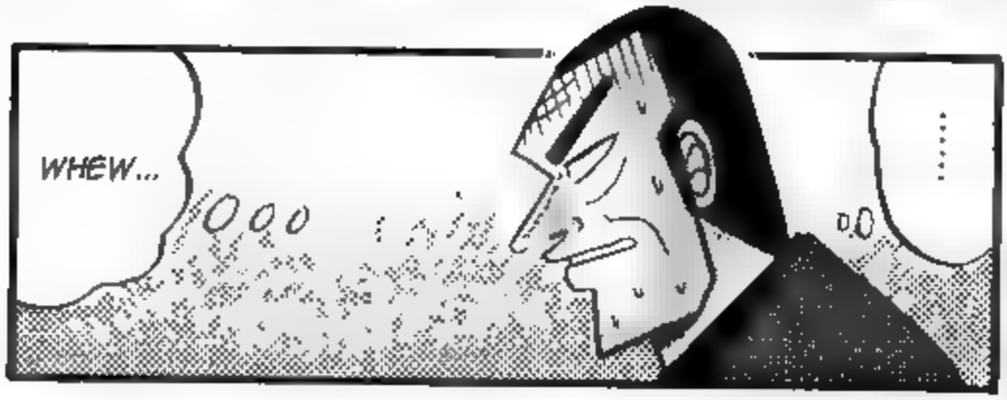
IT COULDN'T BE...?!




WHEW...
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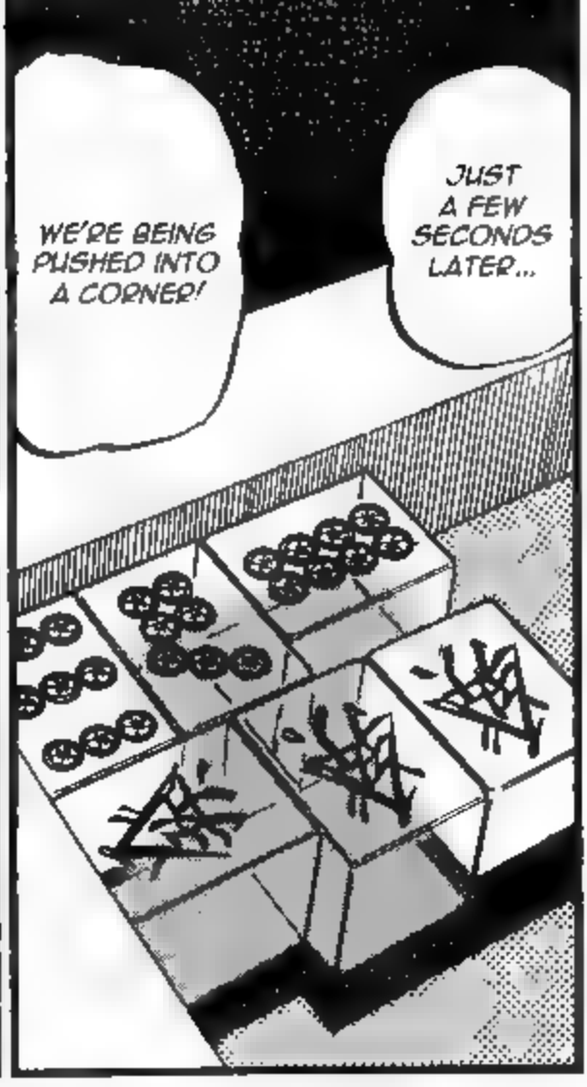
I THOUGHT FOR SURE WE COULD EASILY ESCAPE THIS MATCH, BUT...
LOOKING AT THE STARTING HANDS...

WHAT A SITUA-TION...

BEFORE HE KNEW IT.


JUST A FEW SECONDS LATER...
WE'RE BEING PUSHED INTO A CORNER!

DEATH WAS APPROACH-ING...!

CLINGING ONTO HIS BACK!!

AKAGI ...!!

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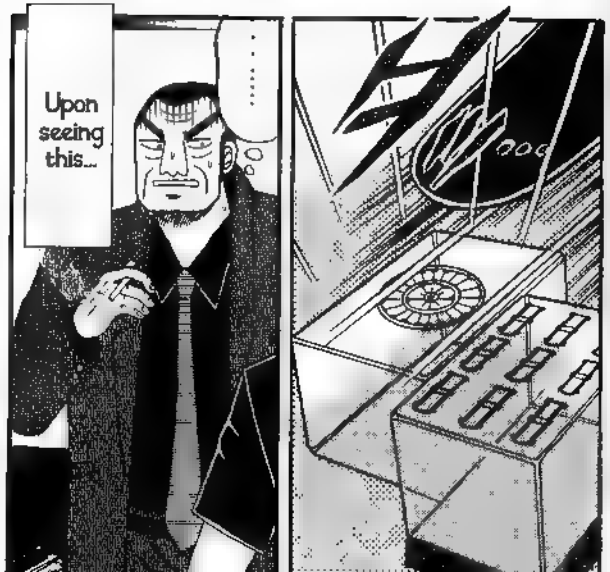
一萬
二萬
三萬
四萬
六萬
南
西

That here, you need to expect the unexpected!

Ohgi, too, came to realize it!

Are already unusual circumstances!
And betting one's life on a game of Mahjong...
They are extraordinary!
These unusual rules of Washizu Mahjong...


Upon seeing this...
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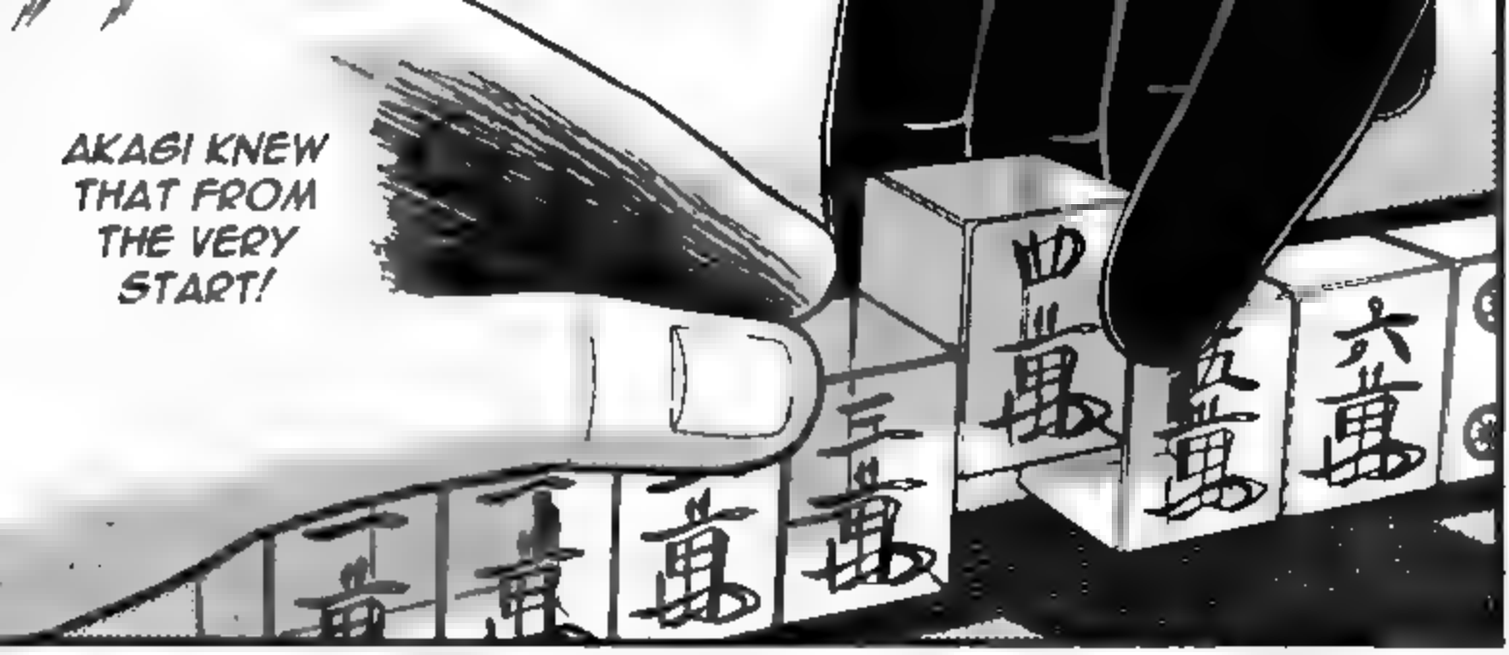
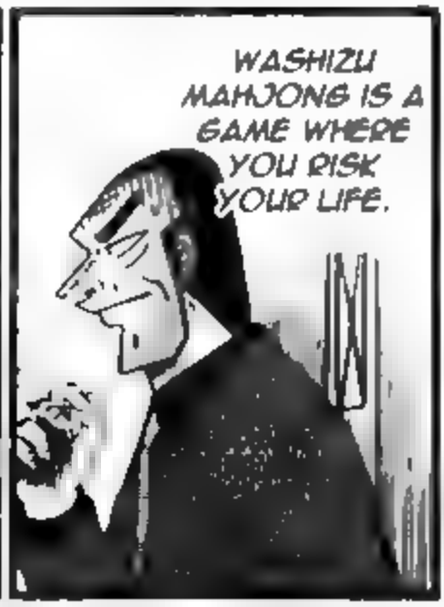
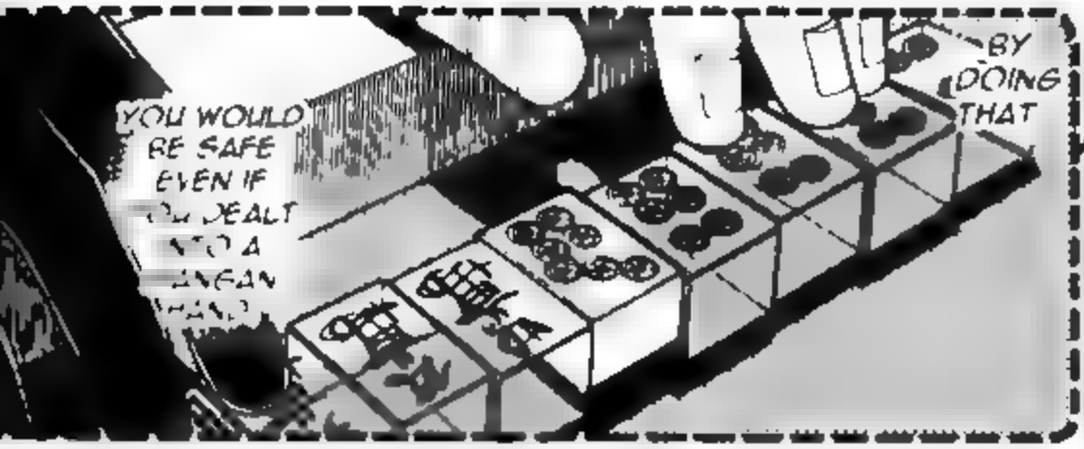
Unusual things become usual!
It stands to reason that in this strange world...
In which case...
That is the correct mindset, here!
HE KNEW THAT!!


AKAGI KNEW THAT FROM THE VERY START!

THAT YOU CAN'T GIVE YOURSELF AN
FELINES!
IN OTHER WORDS

IT'S EXACTLY BECAUSE YOU NEED TO CONCENTRATE AS HARD AS YOU CAN
YOU NEED TO BE PLAYING YOUR BEST GAME THE WHOLE WAY THROUGH

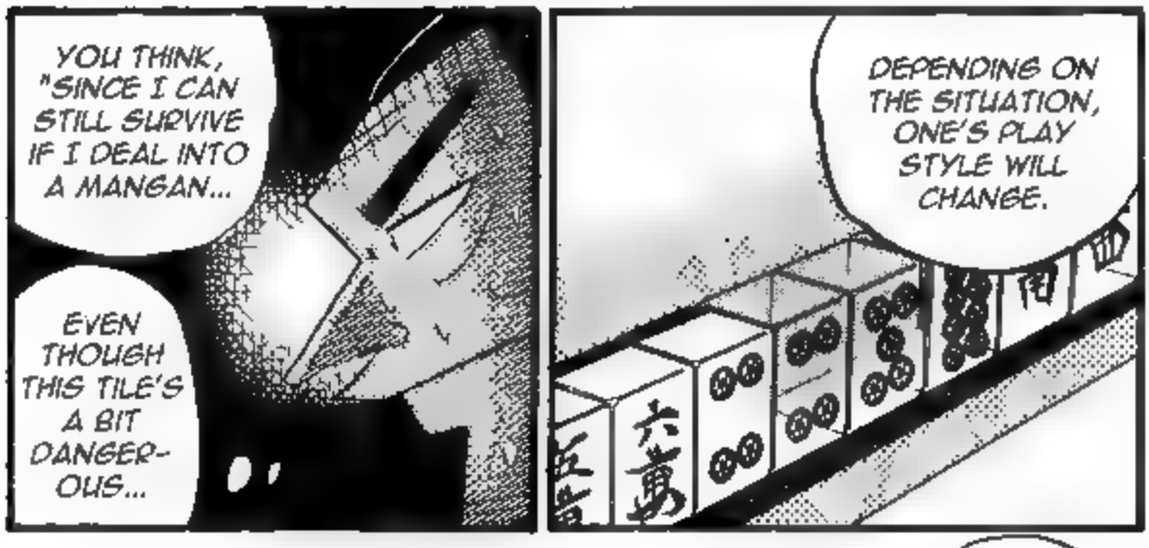

WASHIZU MAHJONG IS A GAME WHERE YOU RISK YOUR LIFE.

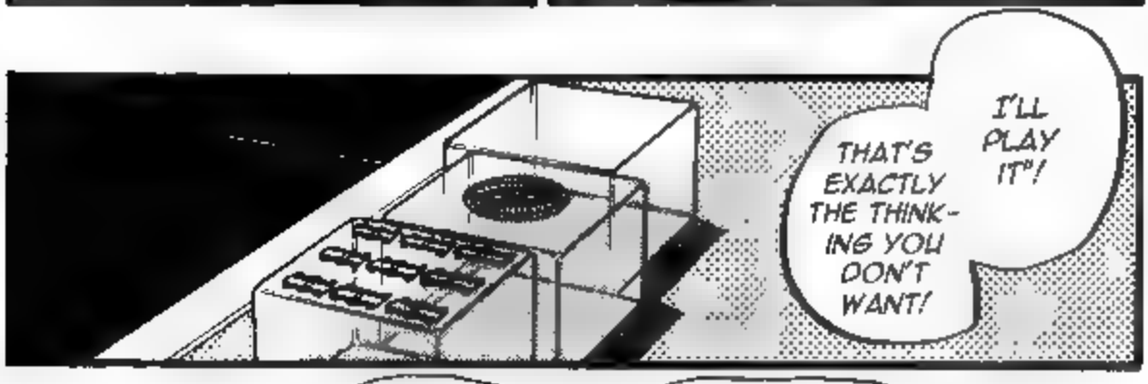

YOU WOULD BE SAFE EVEN IF
DEALT
A
BY DOING THAT

GIVING YOURSELF BLOOD BACK

YOU'D BE GIVING YOURSELF LEEWAY
BUT BY EVEN DOING THAT

TO MAKE A HUGE MISTAKE... A FATAL ERROR!


DEPENDING ON THE SITUATION, ONE'S PLAY STYLE WILL CHANGE.
YOU THINK, "SINCE I CAN STILL SURVIVE IF I DEAL INTO A MANGAN...
EVEN THOUGH THIS TILE'S A BIT DANGER-OUS...



USU-ALLY...
THINKING THAT WOULD BE NATURAL... IT WOULD BE THE STANDARD WAY TO PLAY, BUT...
FOR THIS GAME OF WASHIZU MAHJONG, THAT'S PROB-ABLY TOO LENIENT!

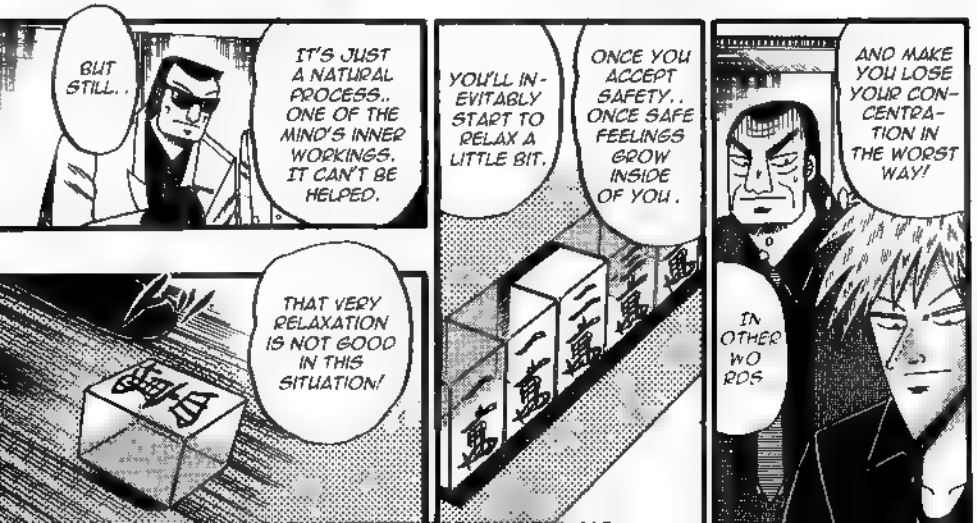
AND ONCE THAT HAPPENS, YOU'LL STOP LOOKING FOR 100% CERTAIN READS...
YOU'D EVENTUALLY START THINKING IT'D BE OKAY IF YOU DEALT IN.
AND FALL BACK TO READS THAT YOU'RE ONLY ABOUT 90% SURE ABOUT.
BY THINKING THAT...
IT'S A THOUGHT PROCESS YOU'D INEVITABLY FALL BACK ON!
YOUR READS AND YOUR CONCENTRATION WILL FADE!
YOUR READS OF YOUR OPPONENT'S HAND WILL START GETTING MURKIER AND MURKIER
AND AS A RESULT...
IN OTHER WORDS
IMPURE THOUGHTS WILL START PENETRATING YOUR MIND!
WILL PROBABLY..
PLAYING MAHJONG LIKE THAT...
MAKE YOU MISREAD YOUR OPPONENT'S HAND AT THE WORST TIME

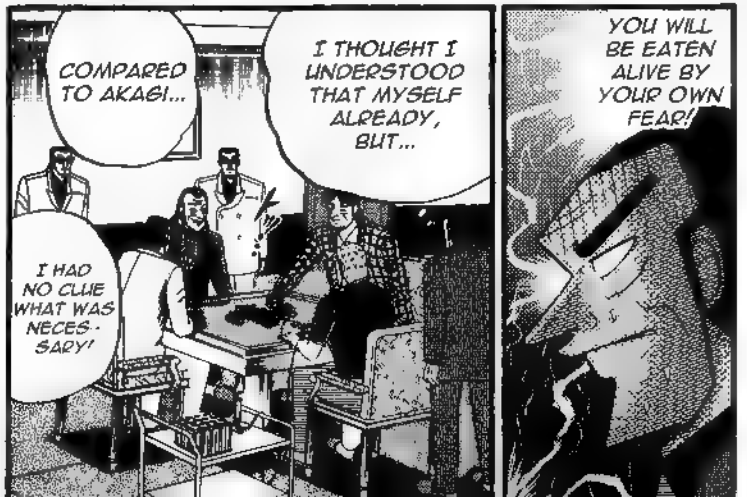
FEAR!

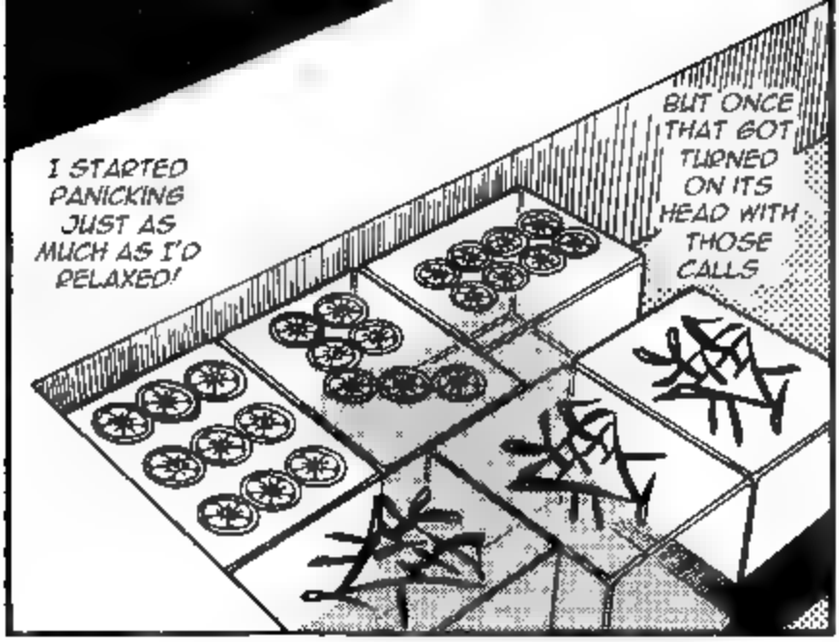
二萬
四萬
伍萬
六萬

BECAUSE ONCE THE THOUGHT OF SAFETY ENTERS YOUR HEAD...
IT WILL INFECT YOUR MIND...
SOMETHING AS NAIVE AS GETTING BLOOD BACK!
THEN I WOULDN'T HAVE EVER CONSIDERED
IF I DID UNDERSTAND...

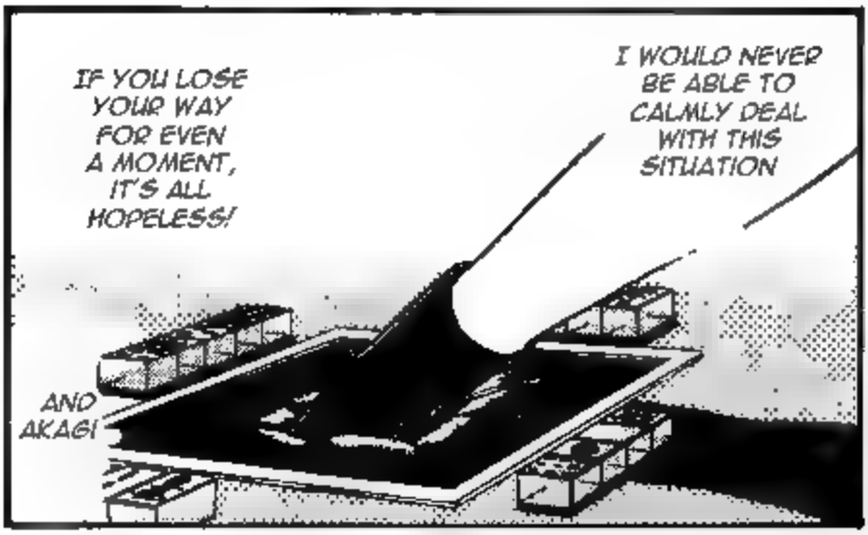
IT WILL TAKE YOU BY SURPRISE!
IF YOU WAVER FOR EVEN A MOMENT
YOU CAN'T LET FEAR WORM ITS WAY INTO YOUR MIND!


BUT STILL..
IT'S JUST A NATURAL PROCESS.. ONE OF THE MIND'S INNER WORKINGS. IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
THAT VERY RELAXATION IS NOT GOOD IN THIS SITUATION!
YOU'LL INEVITABLY START TO RELAX A LITTLE BIT.
ONCE YOU ACCEPT SAFETY.. ONCE SAFE FEELINGS GROW INSIDE OF YOU.
IN OTHER WORDS
AND MAKE YOU LOSE YOUR CONCENTRATION IN THE WORST WAY!

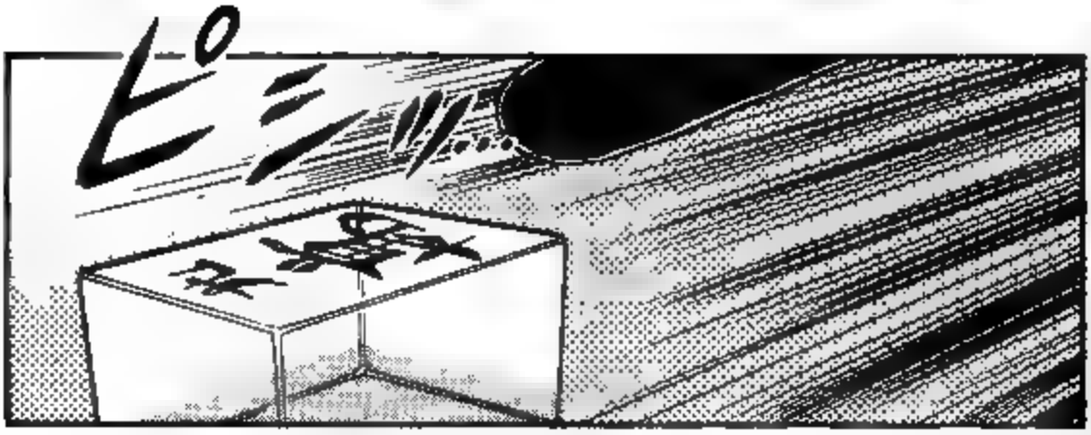

COMPARED TO AKAGI...
I THOUGHT I UNDERSTOOD THAT MYSELF ALREADY, BUT...
I HAD NO CLUE WHAT WAS NECESSARY!
YOU WILL BE EATEN ALIVE BY YOUR OWN FEAR!


I STARTED PANICKING JUST AS MUCH AS I'D RELAXED!
BUT ONCE THAT GOT TURNED ON ITS HEAD WITH THOSE CALLS

I RELAXED A BIT ONCE I FELT THAT AKAGI WOULD WIN THIS ROUND...
LIKE RIGHT NOW!


IF YOU LOSE YOUR WAY FOR EVEN A MOMENT, IT'S ALL HOPELESS!
I WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO CALMLY DEAL WITH THIS SITUATION
AND AKAGI

THERE WOULD BE NO WAY I'D BE ABLE TO MAKE PRECISE READS!
WITH MY PANICKED MINDSET JUST THEN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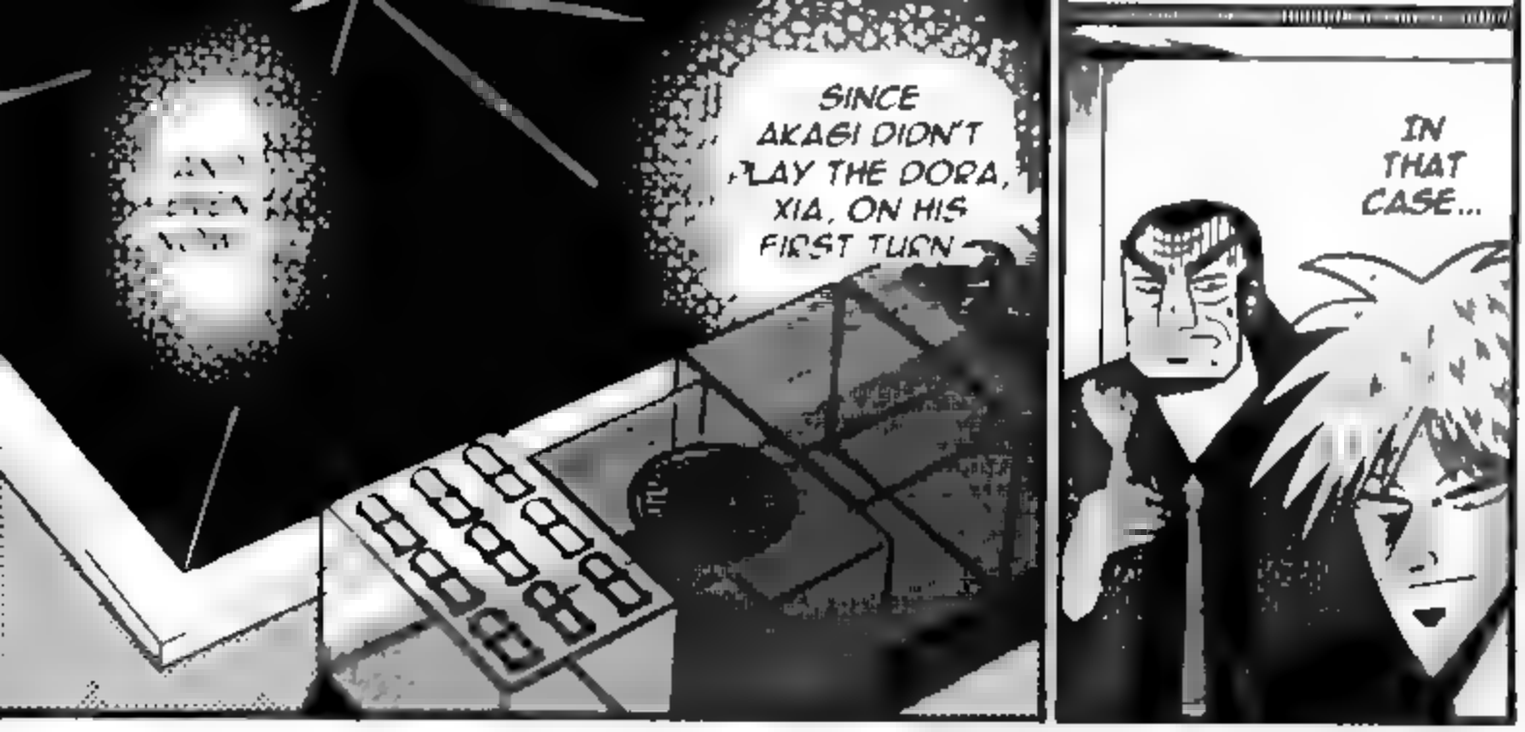
KNOWS THAT EVEN BETTER THAN I DO!

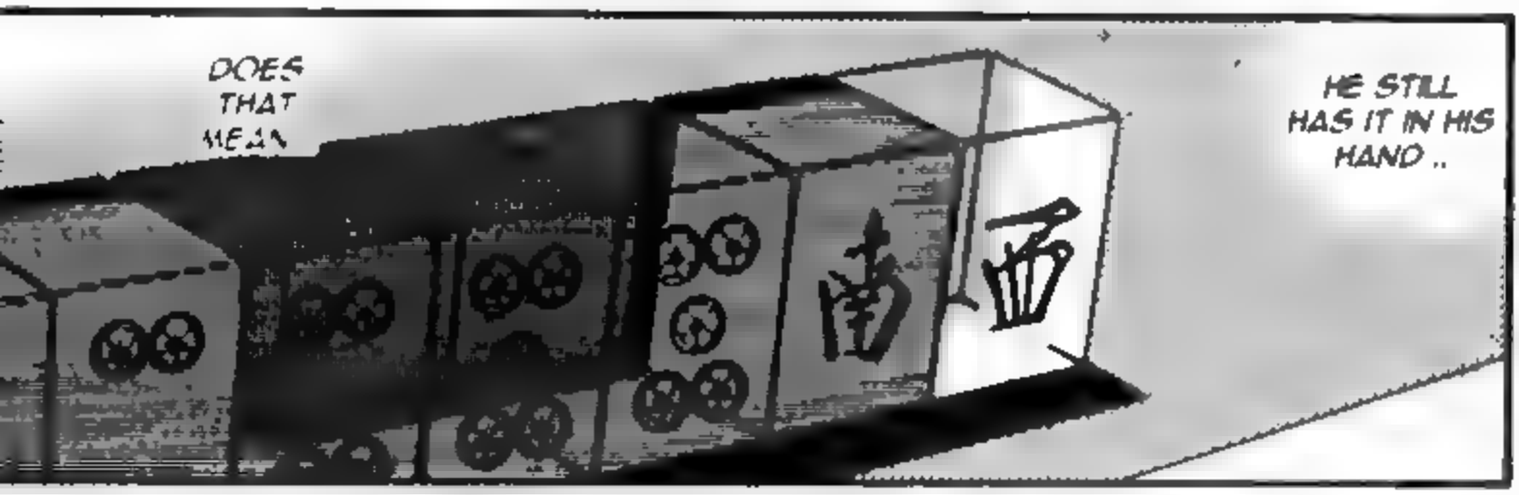
AKAGI'S CALM DISPOSITION HAS SAVED US!

IT'S SAVED US!

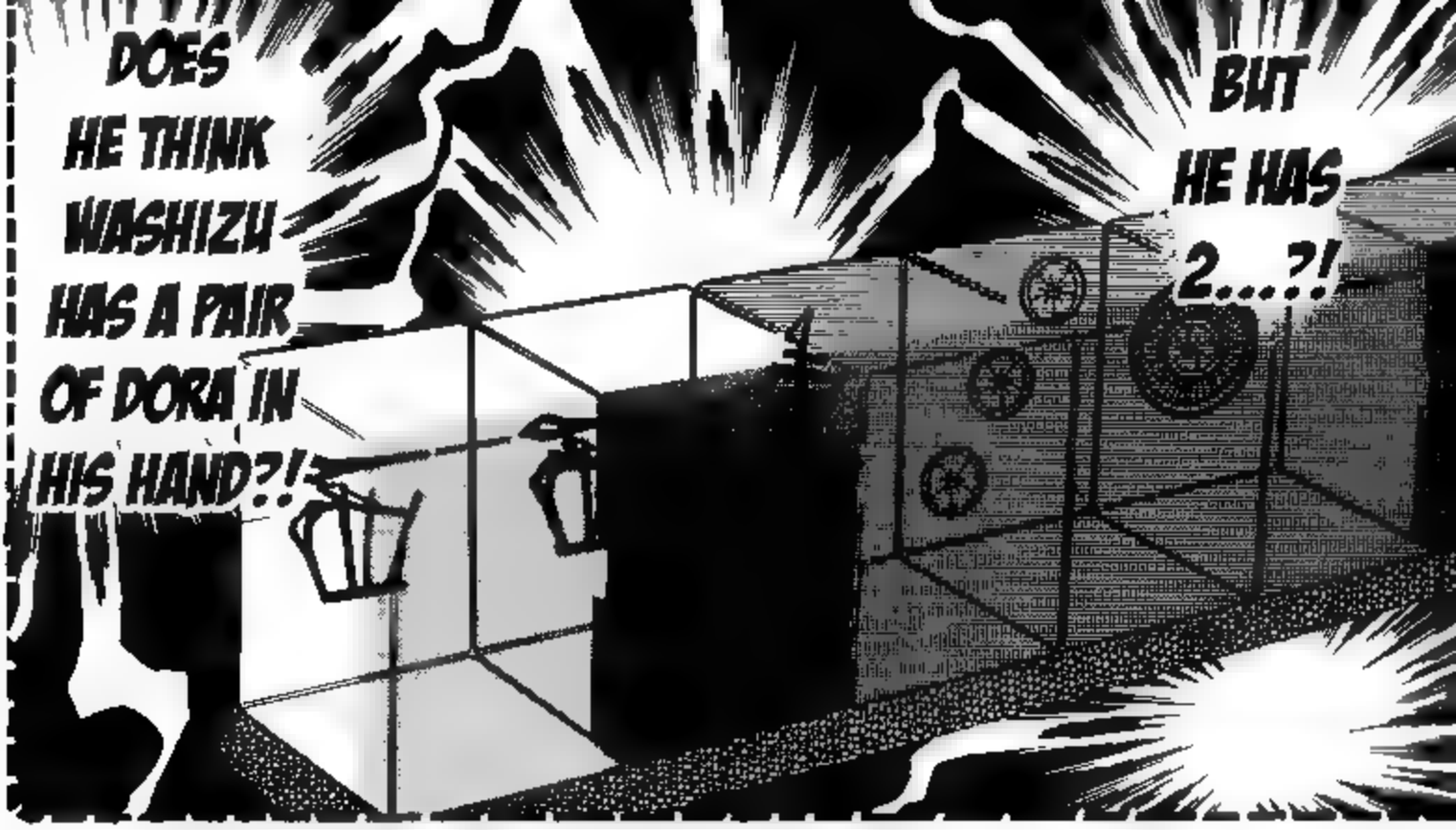
AKAGI PROBABLY ISN'T MAKING ANY HALF-HEARTED READS
RIGHT NOW
AKAGI'S UNWAVERING CALMNESS HAS SAVED US!
CONSIDERING THIS DANGEROUS SITUATION WE'RE IN
IT'S ALL OR NOTHING!
HIS READS ARE ALL PERFECT!
HE'S PLAYING WITH TOTAL CONFIDENCE!
THERE'S NO GREY AREA IN HIS READS...

WAIT A MIN-UTE...!


SINCE AKAGI DIDN'T PLAY THE DORA, XIA, ON HIS FIRST TURN...
IN THAT CASE...

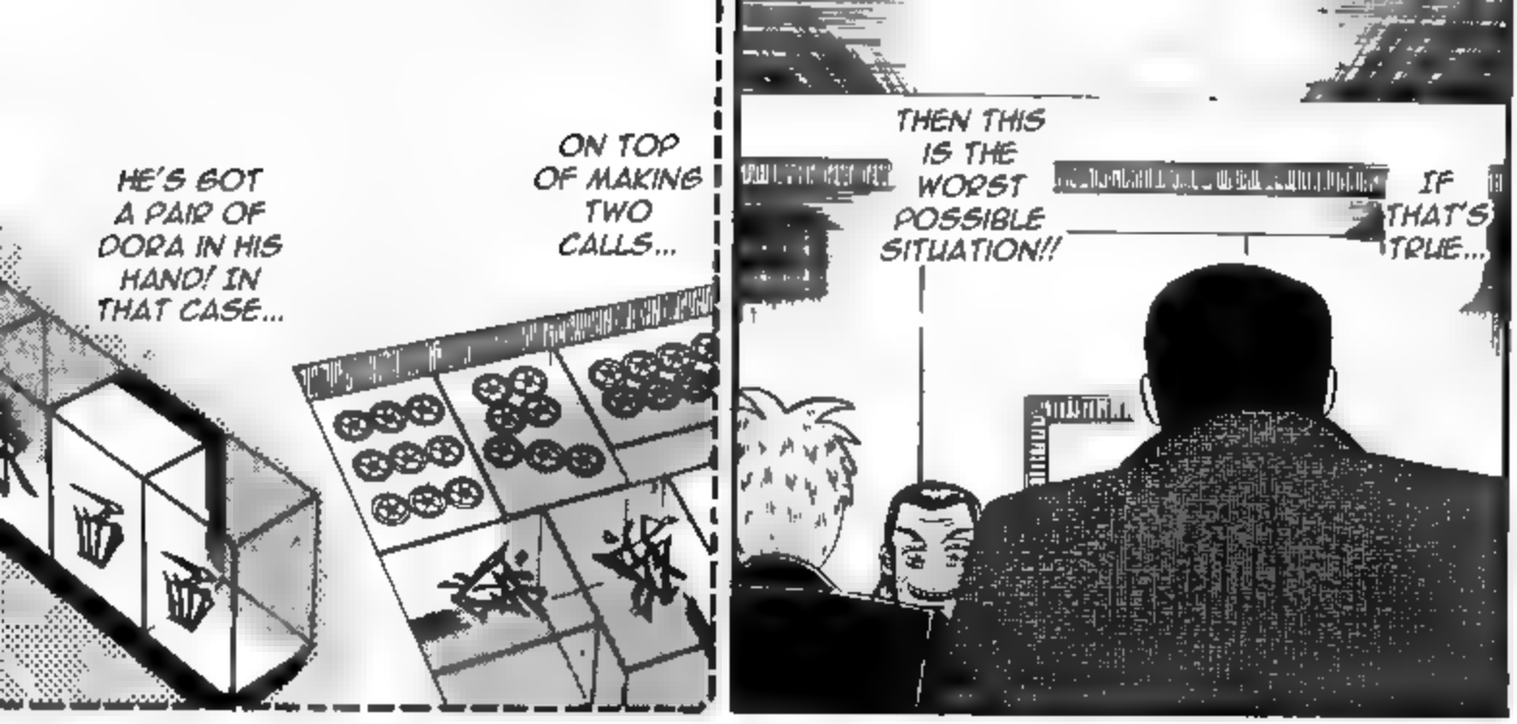

DOES THAT MEAN
HE STILL HAS IT IN HIS HAND..

HE DOESN'T THINK WASHIZU HAS ONLY ONE DORA IN HIS HAND...


DOES HE THINK WASHIZU HAS A PAIR OF DORA IN HIS HAND?!
BUT HE HAS 2...?!

THIS IS
THERE'S NO MIS-TAKING

HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN ...?!
GGH!
HIS INTUITION!
THE INSTINCT OF THE GENIUS, AKAGI SHIGERU!


HE'S GOT A PAIR OF DORA IN HIS HAND! IN THAT CASE...
ON TOP OF MAKING TWO CALLS...
THEN THIS IS THE WORST POSSIBLE SITUATION!!
IF THAT'S TRUE...

WHICH MEANS...
HE'S COMPLETELY CLEARED THE HURDLE OF A HANEMAN HAND!
HE CAN MAKE A COMEBACK EVEN BY HAVING SUZUKI DEAL IN!!

This conjecture of Ohgi's...
AKAGI!!

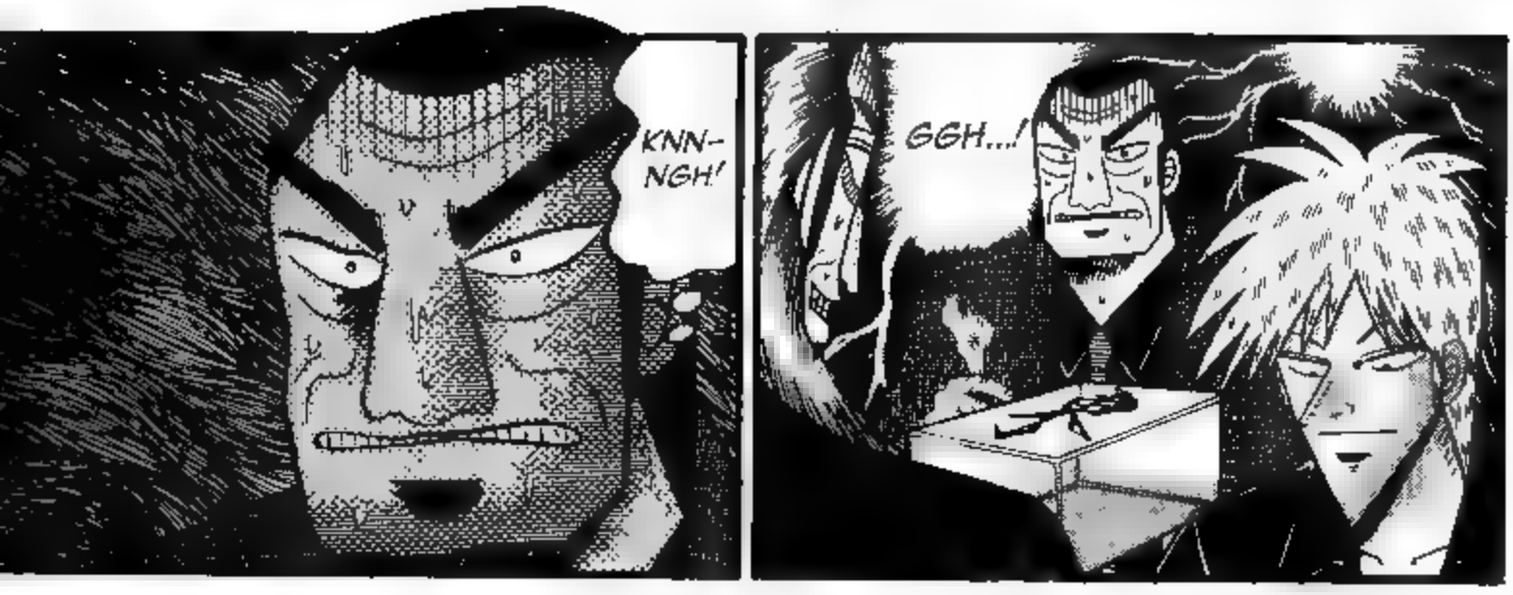
DEATH IS RIGHT BEFORE OUR EYES ''
RUIN...

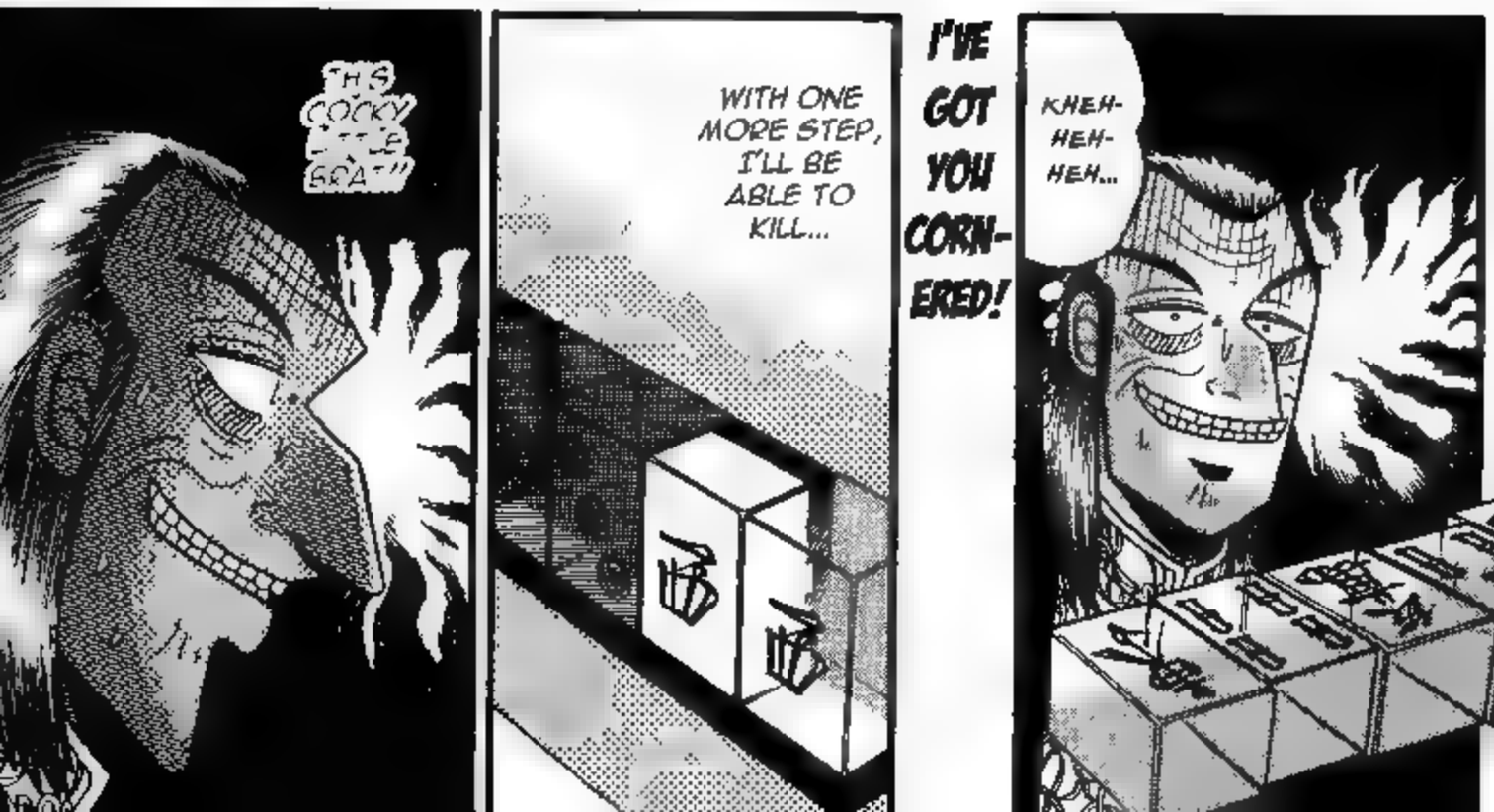
Were, unfortu nately

And Akagi's instincts...

It was the truth!
Right on the money!

Washizu advances his hand another step...!!
And in addition, with his next draw...


KNN-NGH!
GGH...!


THIS COCKY [illegible] BOY!!
WITH ONE MORE STEP, I'LL BE ABLE TO KILL...
I'VE GOT YOU CORNERED!
KHEH-HEH-HEH...

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AKAGI
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YOU'D BETTER
BE FEARING
FOR YOUR
LIFE...

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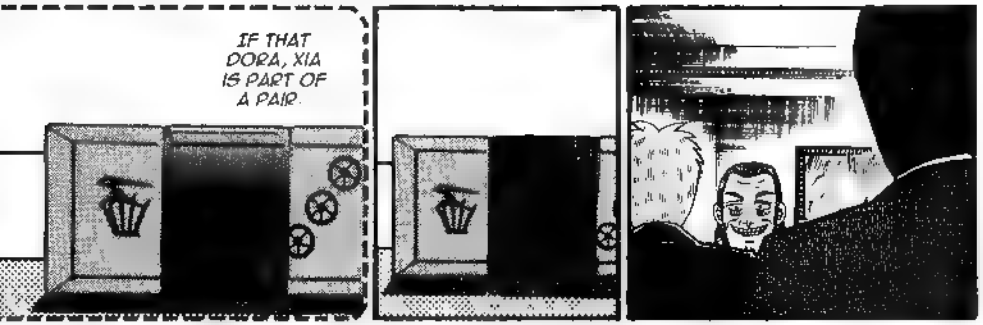
IF THAT DORA, XIA IS PART OF A PAIR.

WHAT A HORRIFYING SITUATION *!

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A HANEMAN IS WELL WITHIN SIGHT!
WASHIZU'S HAND WOULD BE A HATSU, XIA, 3-DORA HAND.
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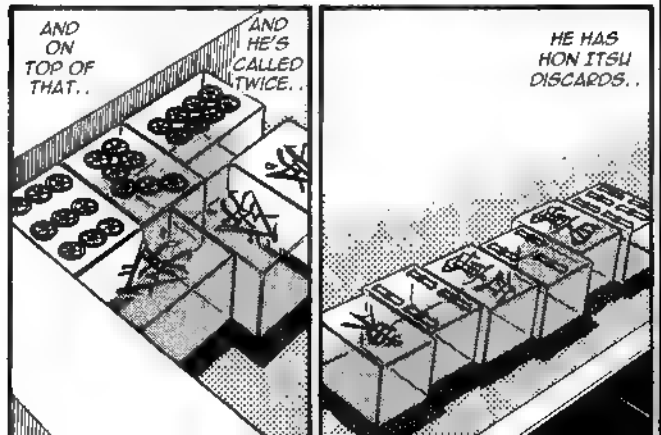
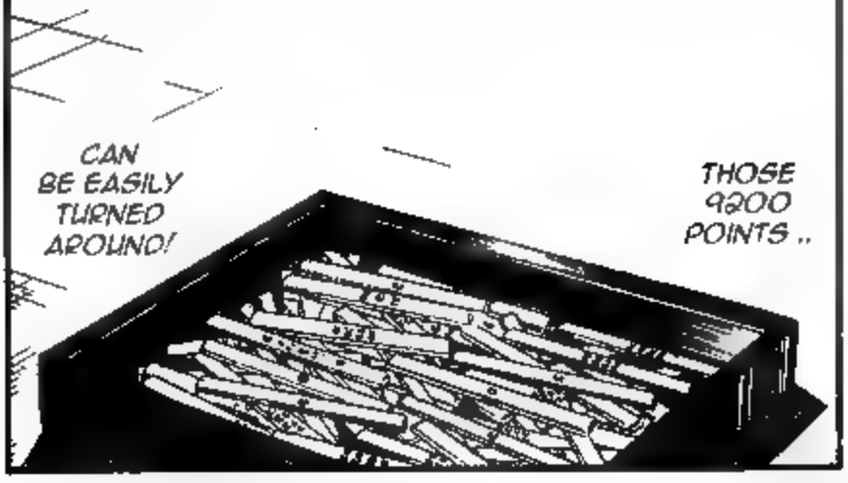
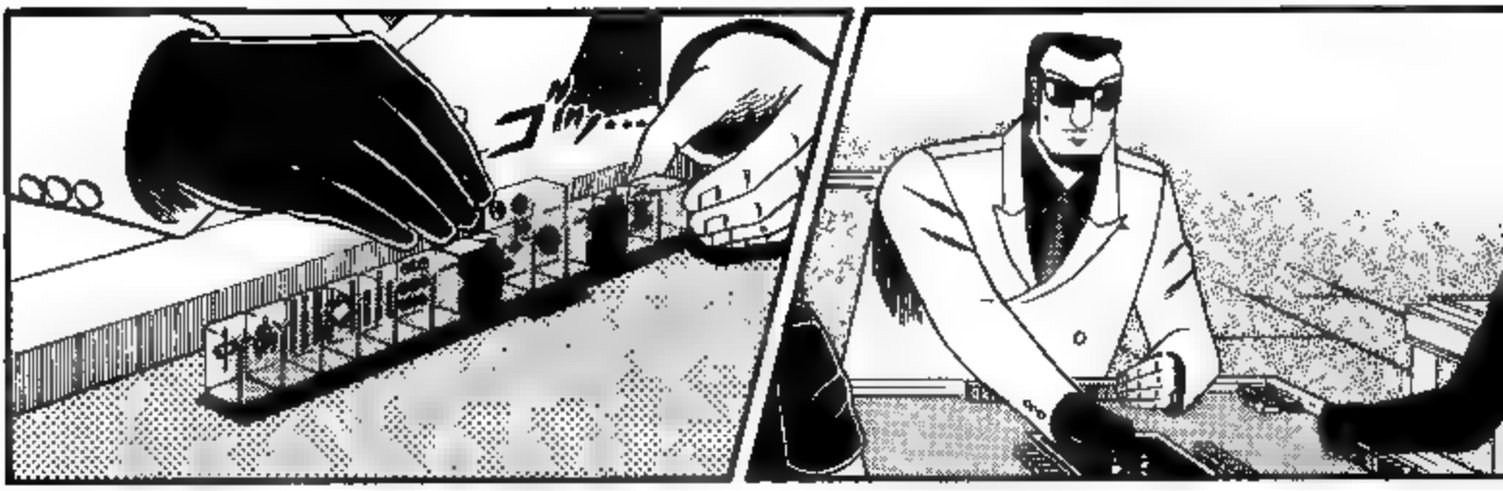

AND ON TOP OF THAT..
AND HE'S CALLED TWICE..
HE HAS HON ITSU DISCARDS..


CAN BE EASILY TURNED AROUND!
THOSE 9200 POINTS ..

THE DIFFERENCE HE HAS OVER AKAGI...
...SO THAT MEANS...

THERE'S NO NEED TO FOCUS ON A TSUMO OR DIRECT HIT ANYMORE!
HE CAN HAVE HIS ALLY DEAL IN FOR HIM!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EVEN SAYING WE NEED TO DO SOME THING

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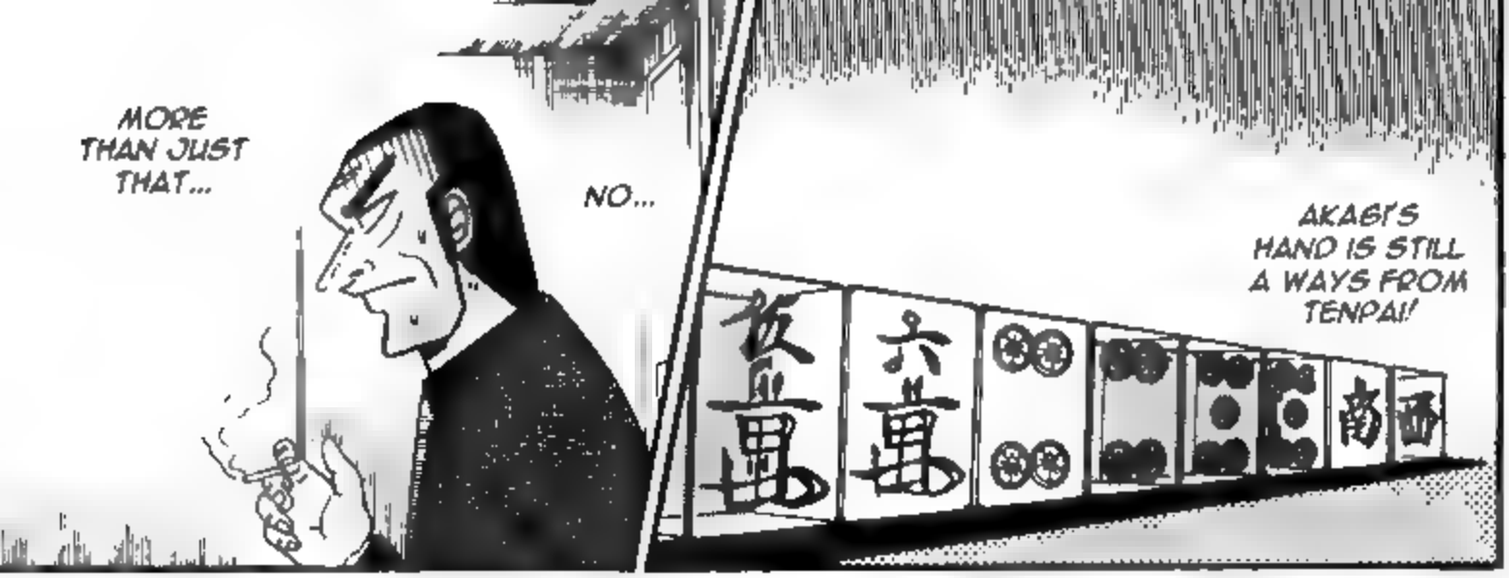
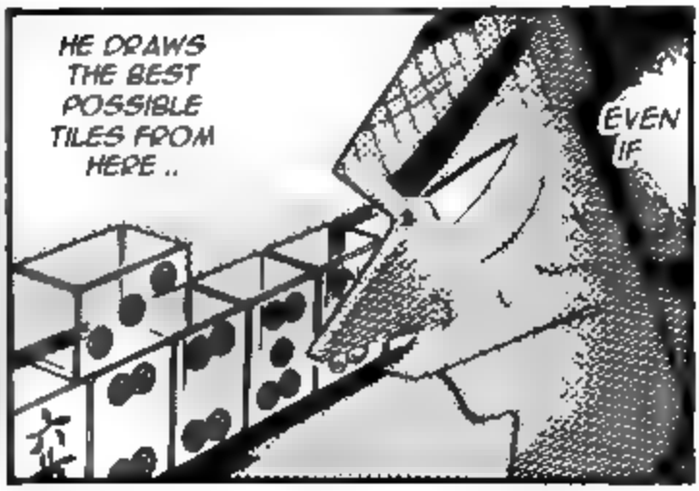
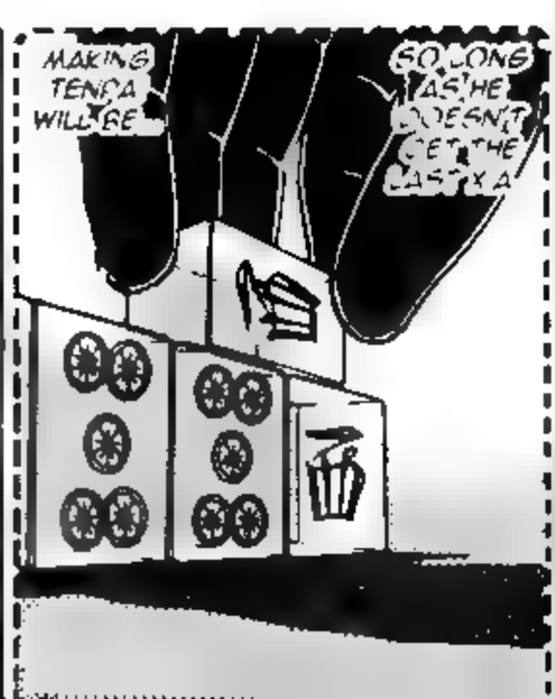

MORE THAN JUST THAT...
NO...
AKAGI'S HAND IS STILL A WAYS FROM TENPAI!

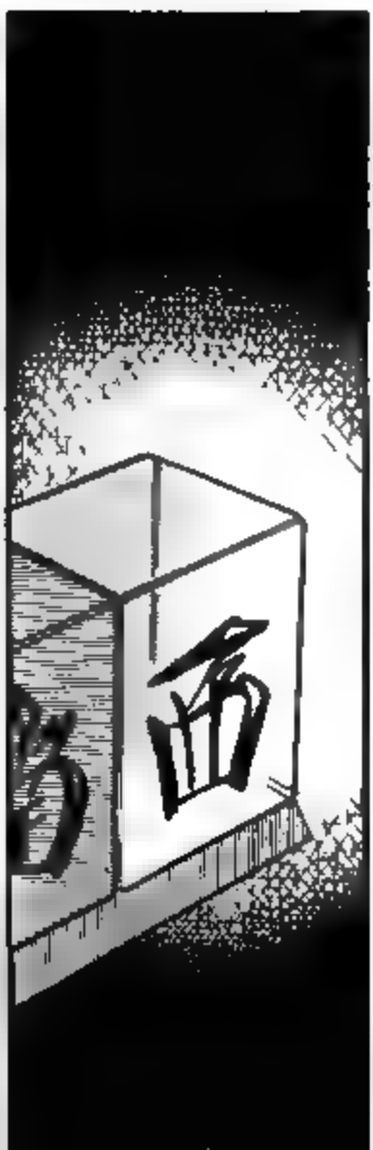
MOST LIKELY
EVEN IF HE MAKES IT TO TENPAI

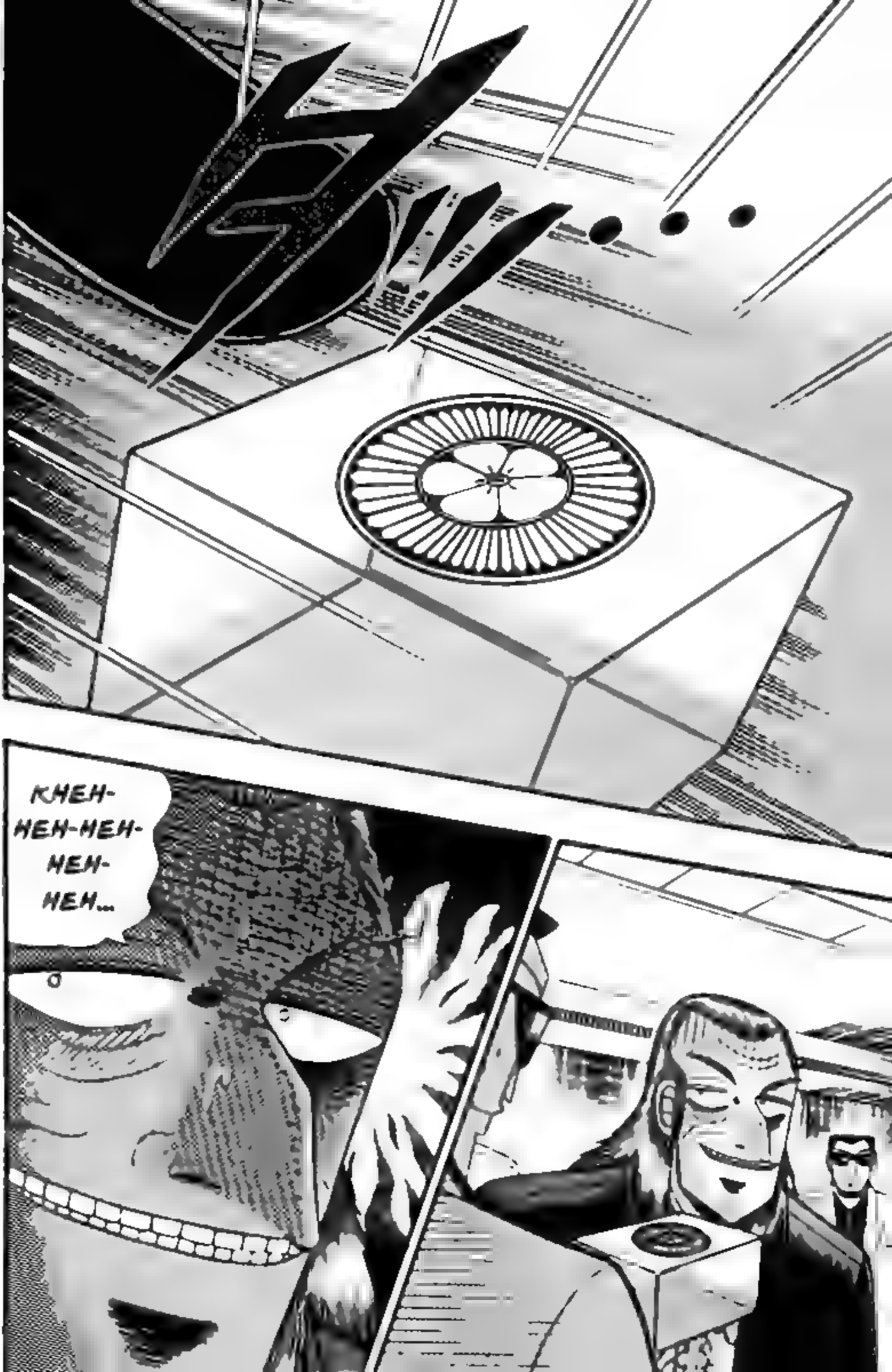

HE DRAWS THE BEST POSSIBLE TILES FROM HERE ..
EVEN IF

WILL HE BE FORCED TO MAKE A XIA
SO IN THE END
HE WON'T BE ABLE TO PLAY THIS XIA!

And in that moment...


MAKING TENPAI WILL BE
SO LONG AS HE DOESN'T GET THE LAST X A




KHEH-
HEH-HEH-
HEH-
HEH...

HUH...?!
Washizu advances further!

PON!
He does not rest...
He calls this 1-Pin, as well!
He moves for-ward!

He has made 3 calls!
And on top of that
GNNGH
A Pinzu tile overflows from his hand!

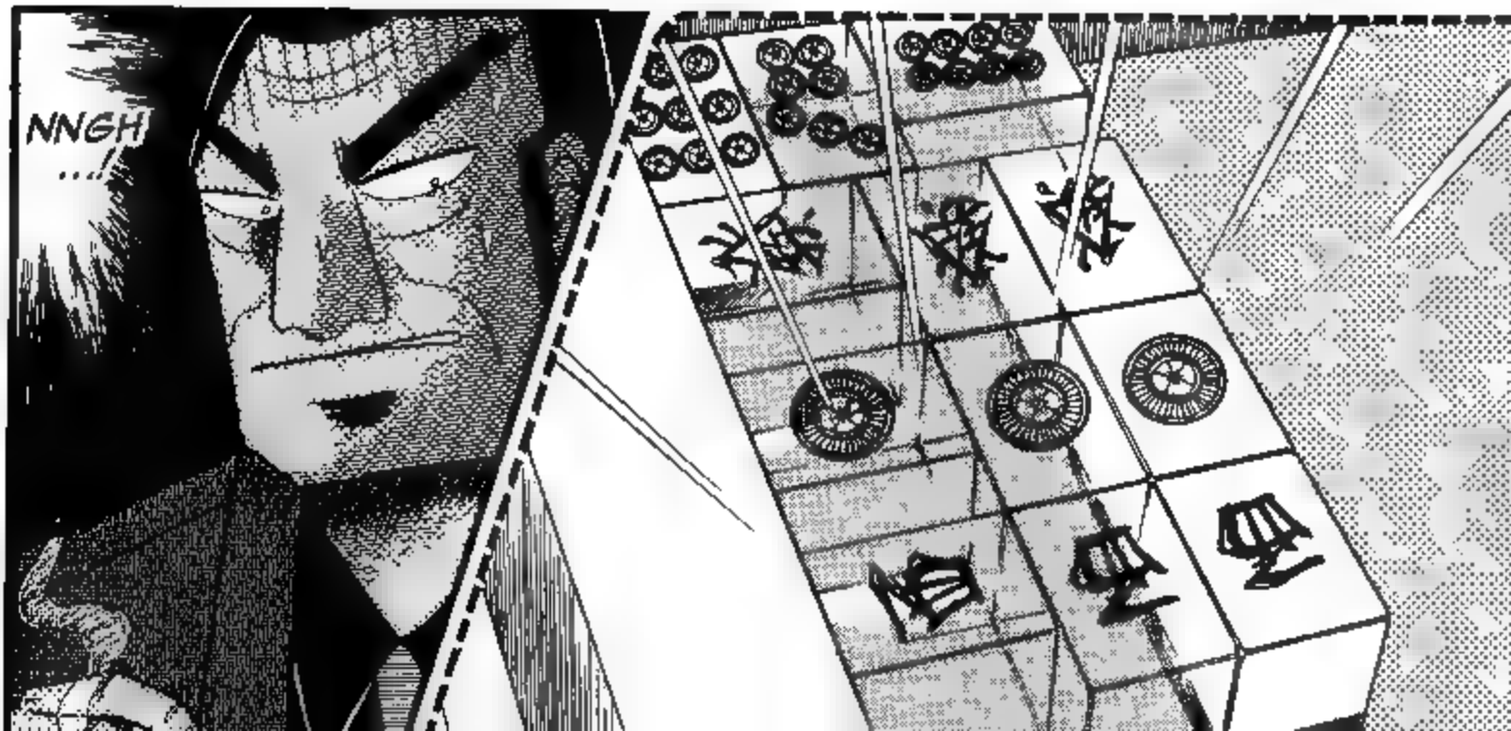
It becomes imminent...!

ESPE-
CIAL-
LY...
AKAGI MIGHT NOT EVEN GET ANOTHER DRAW!

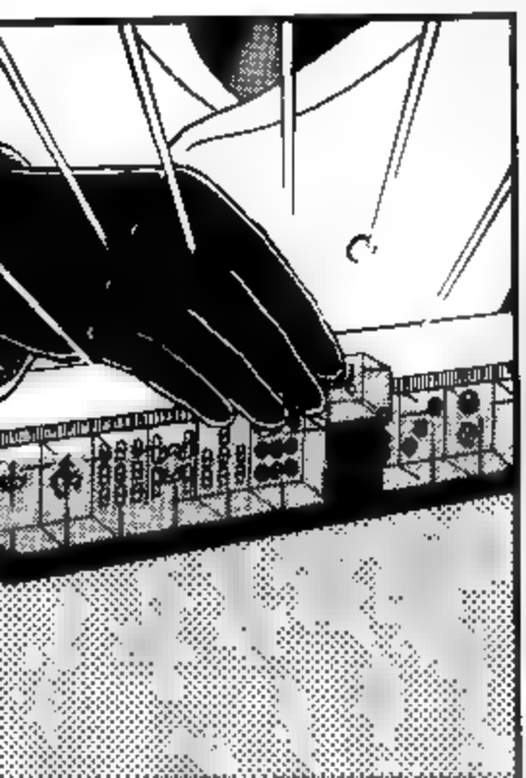
IT'S HOPE-
LESS!
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE WE'LL BE SAVED...

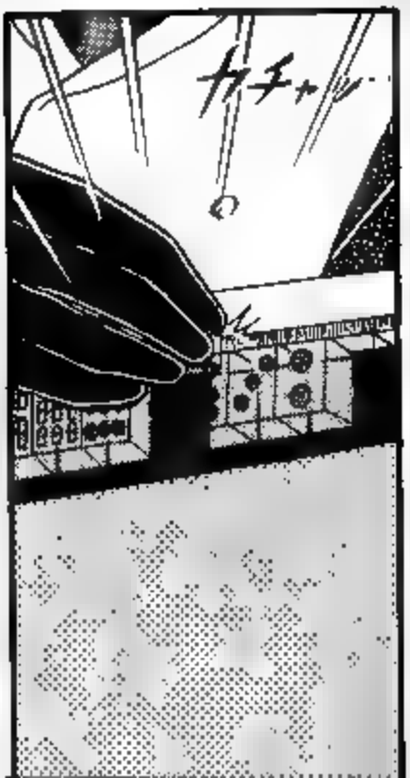
IF, HERE AND NOW..

PULLS IN THE DORA, XIA...
THAT SUZUKI...


NNGH ...!

IT COULDN'T BE...?!

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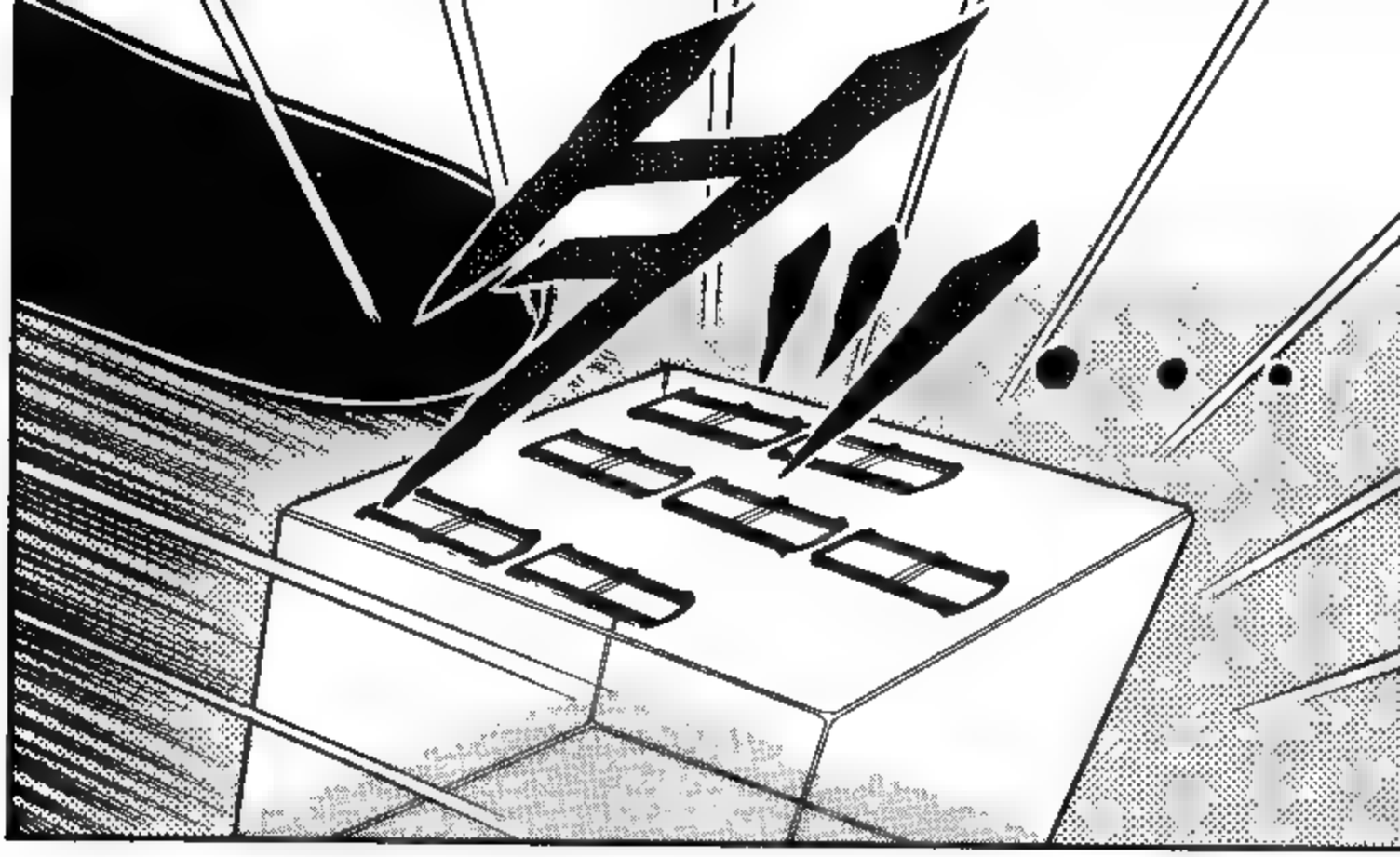
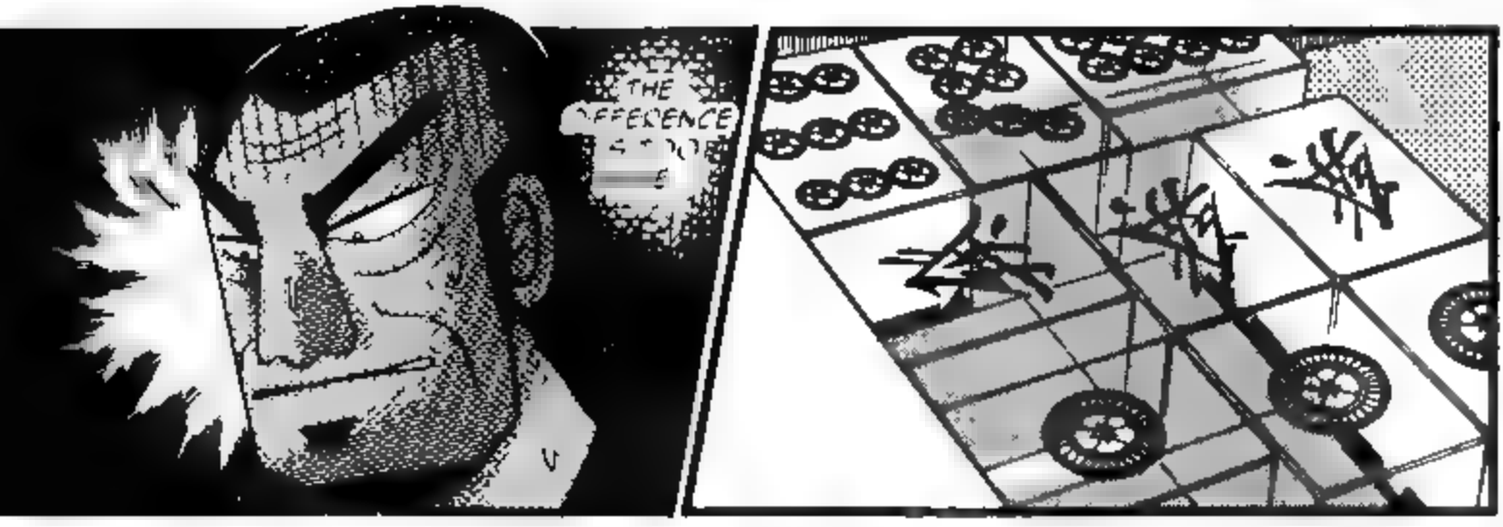
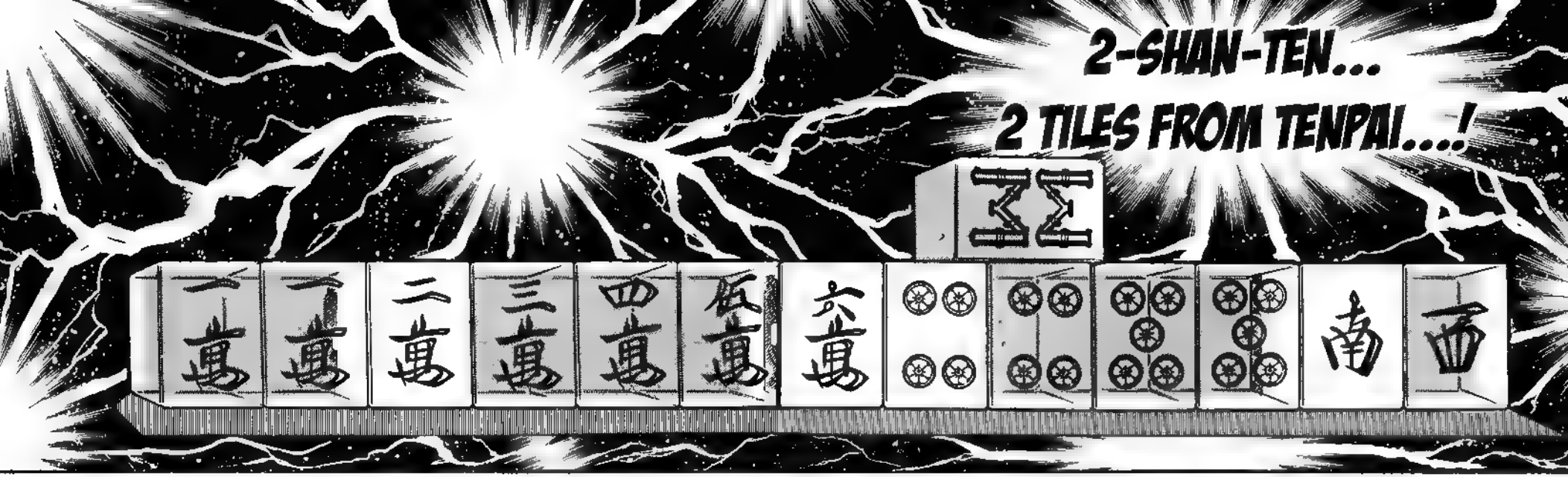


BUT STILL...
WE'RE SAVED
WHEW...

THIS IS BEYOND DESPER-ATE...!!
EVEN WITH THAT SAID...


THE DIFFERENCE

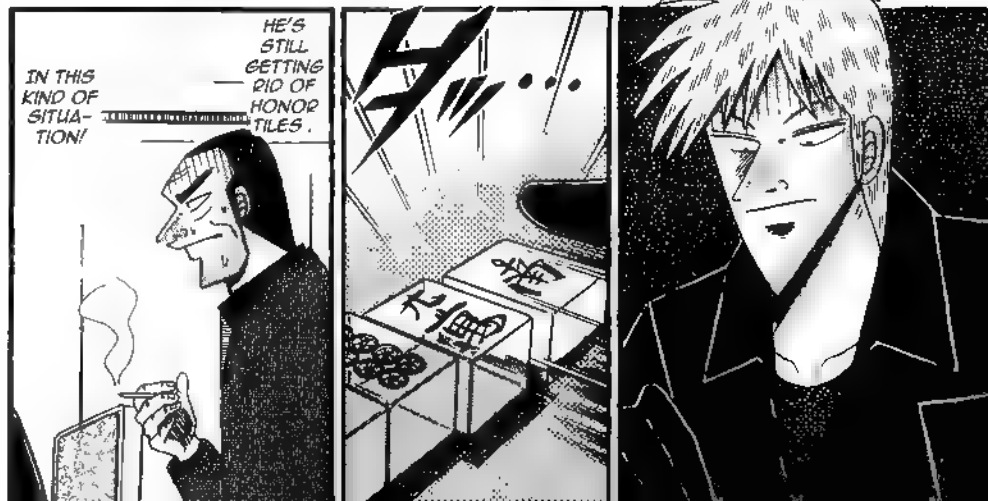
EVEN WITHOUT PLAYING THE DORA, XIA, THERE MIGHT BE SOME HOPE LEFT, BUT AKAGI'S HAND IS STILL...
IF AKAGI WERE IN TENPAI RIGHT NOW
AT LEAST


2-SHAN-TEN...
2 TILES FROM TENPAI...!

IF YASUOKA WINS, WE'LL BE FINE!
WE MIGHT HAVE TO LEAVE IT TO YASUOKA
NOW THAT IT'S COME TO THIS

HIS DRAWS ARE USELESS!
AND NOT ONLY THAT

But...
YASUOKA IS MORE RELIABLE!
RIGHT NOW...
SO LONG AS AKAGI CAN'T PLAY HIS XIA..


IN THIS KIND OF SITUATION!
HE'S STILL GETTING RID OF HONOR TILES.

Yasuoka isn't any closer!
PRAY, THAT THE ENEMY DOESN,T DRAW ANY DECISIVE TILES...
ALL WE CAN DO IS PRAY..!
THAT THEY JUST STAND STILL...!
He is also 2-shan-ten!
WE'RE AT OUR WIT'S END..
KNGH!

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THAT THEY KEEP MAKING USELESS DRAWS!

THAT THEIR HANDS DON'T ADVANCE.

.....

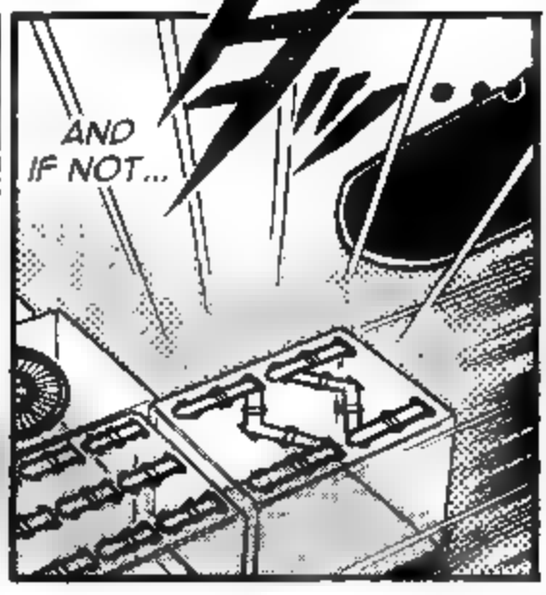
THERE'S NOTHING TO DO BUT PRAY!

NEED TO SOMEHOW SHAPE UP...
AKAGI OR YASUOKA'S HANDS...!!

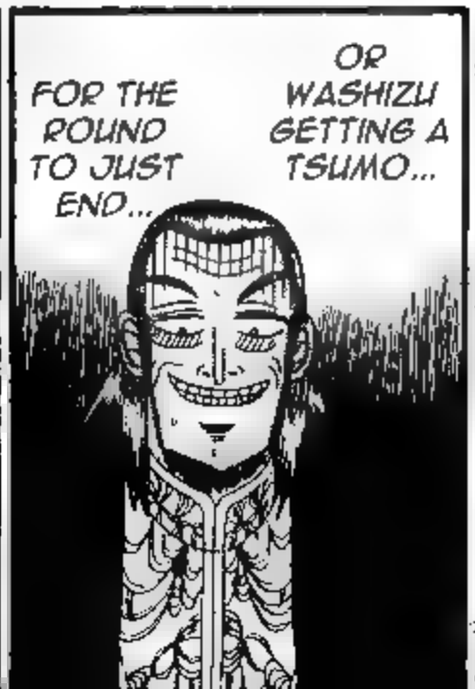
AND, WHILE THEY'RE MAKING USELESS DRAWS...

SO WE CAN MAKE IT OUT OF THIS ROUND ALIVE..!

THAT WE MAKE IT TO A DRAWN GAME.
WASHIZU'S HAND NEEDS TO AVOID WINNING FOR SO LONG...


AND IF NOT...

THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE TO HOPE FOR!

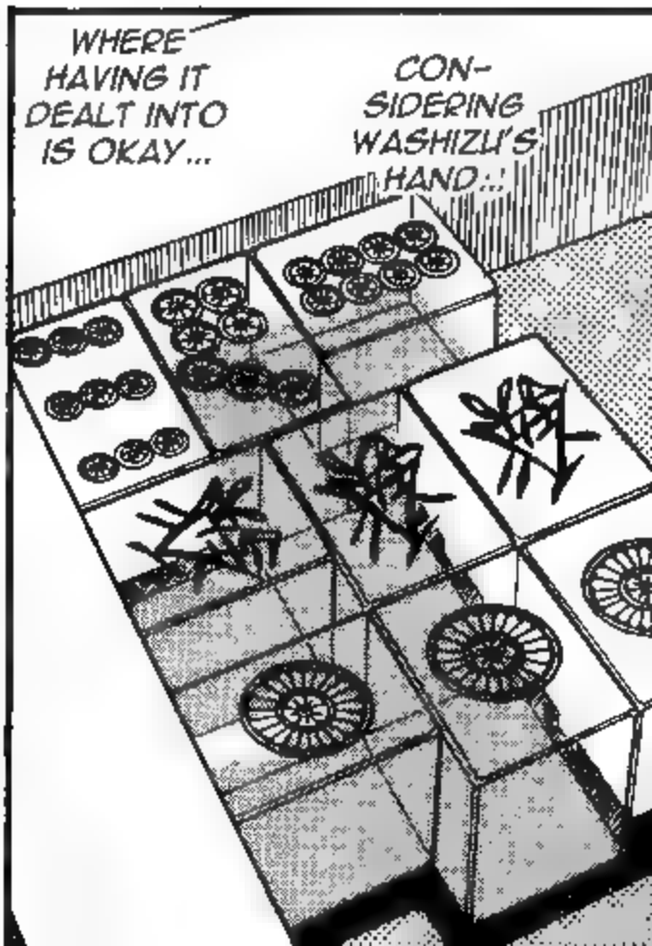

FOR THE ROUND TO JUST END...
OR WASHIZU GETTING A TSUMO...

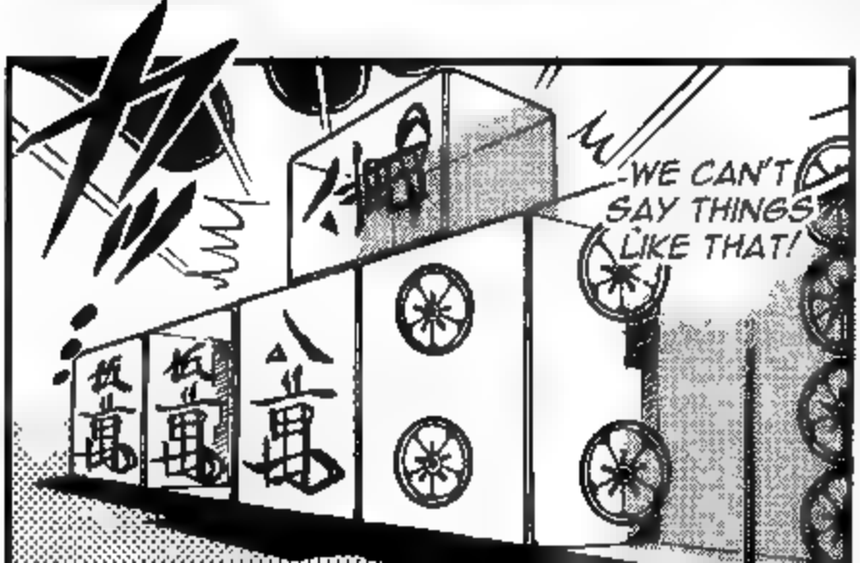
WITHOUT SUZUKI DEALING IN...

RELYING ON OTHERS TOO MUCH!

IT IN-VOLVES...
THAT'S PROBABLY TOO MUCH TO EXPECT...

IN THE END..
WITH THIS SITUATION IN MIND...


WHERE HAVING IT DEALT INTO IS OKAY...
CON-SIDERING WASHIZU'S HAND..!


-WE CAN'T SAY THINGS LIKE THAT!

SOMEONE HAS TO GET TENPAI!
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WE HAVE TO SOME-HOW...
MAKE IT TO TENPAI!
BEFORE THE ENEMY DRAWS THE DECISIVE TILE...
WE HAVE TO MAKE IT TO TENPAI!!
How-ever...

The tile they had wanted to be rid of most...

That tile went to Suzuki!

It was un-think-able...
GN-NGH!

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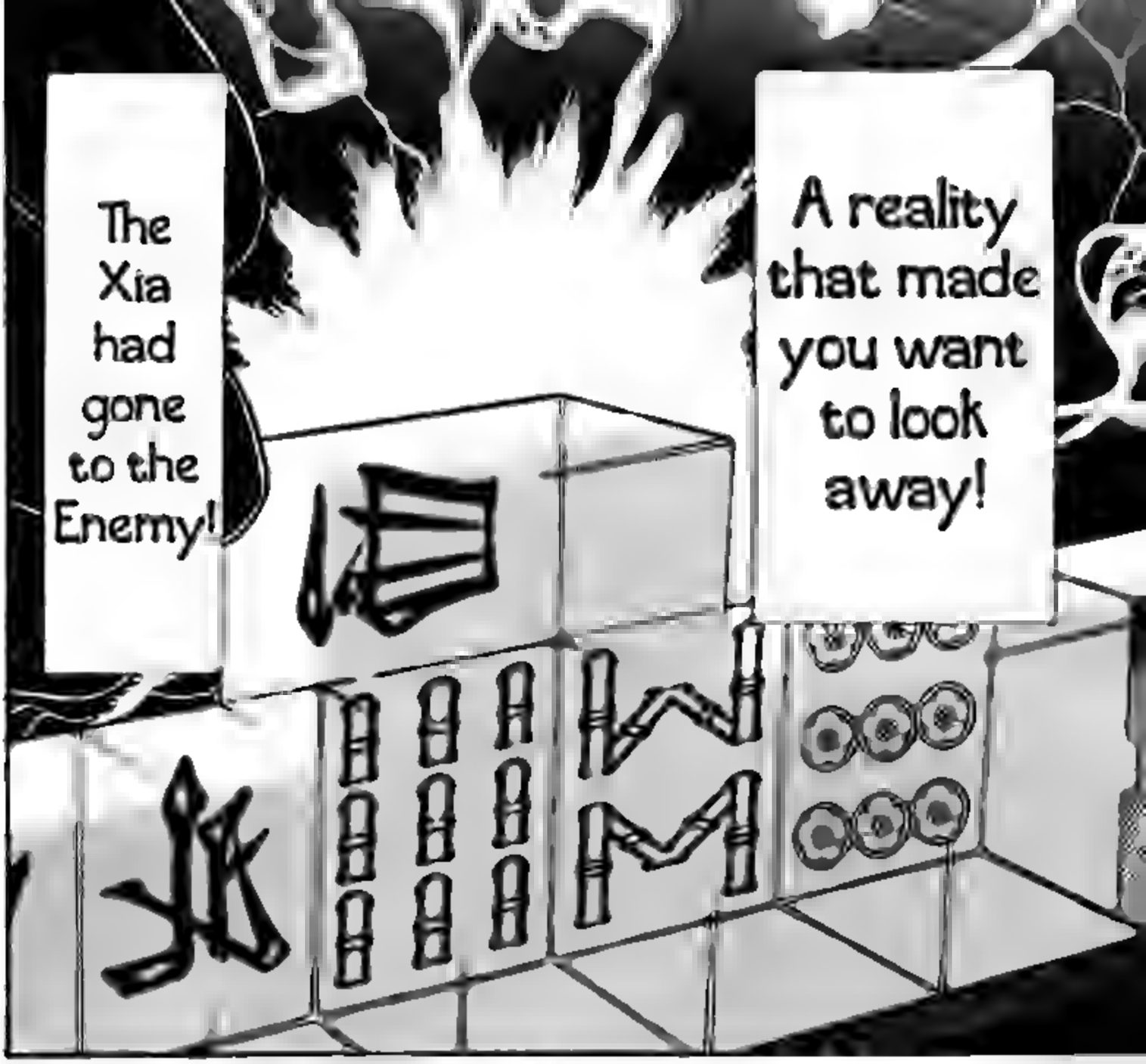
The Xia had gone to the Enemy!
A reality that made you want to look away!

The ene-my!!

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ILLUSION
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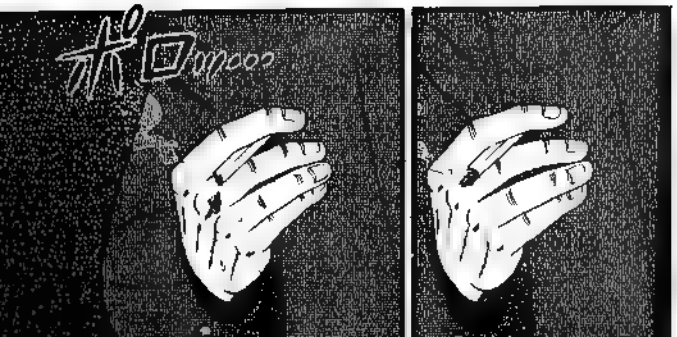
GNGH!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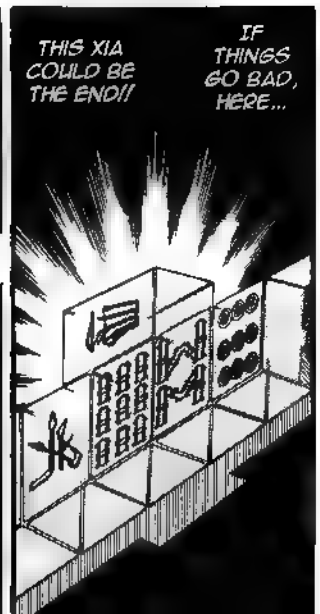
THIS XIA COULD BE THE END!!
IF THINGS GO BAD, HERE...

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HE'LL DIE...!

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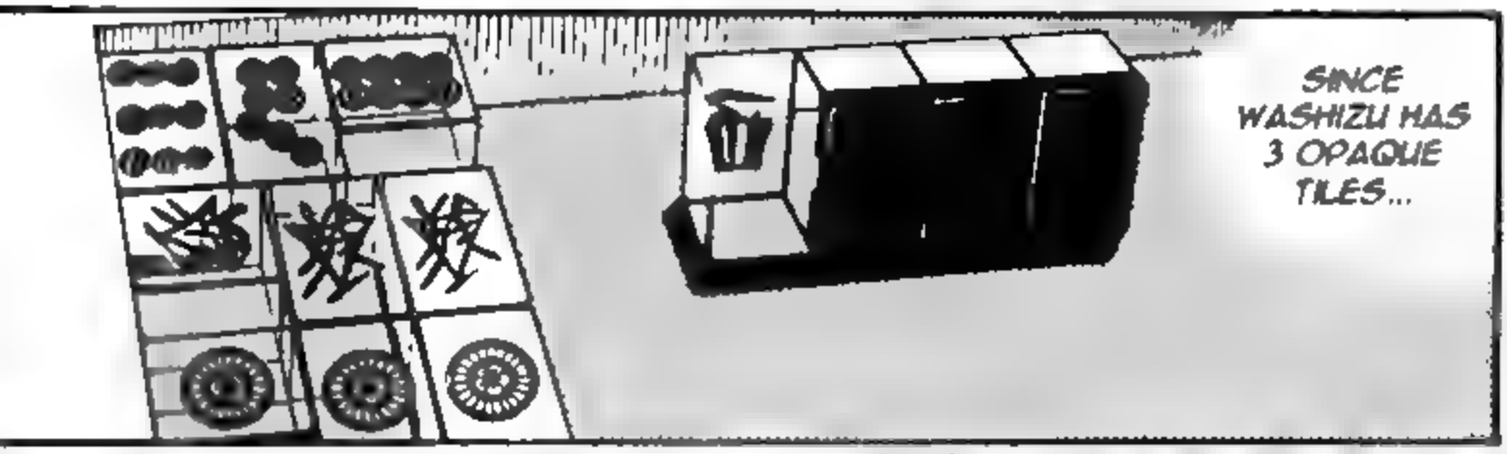
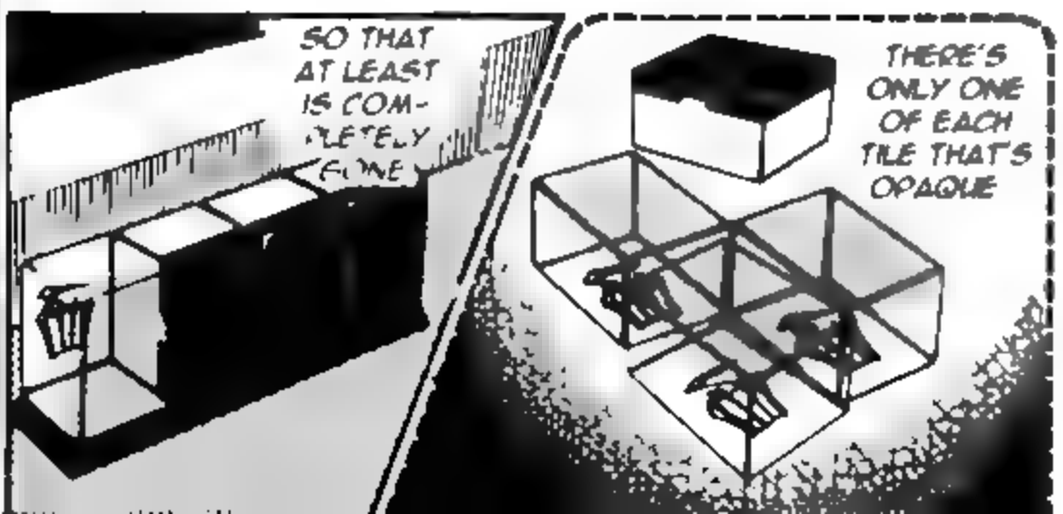
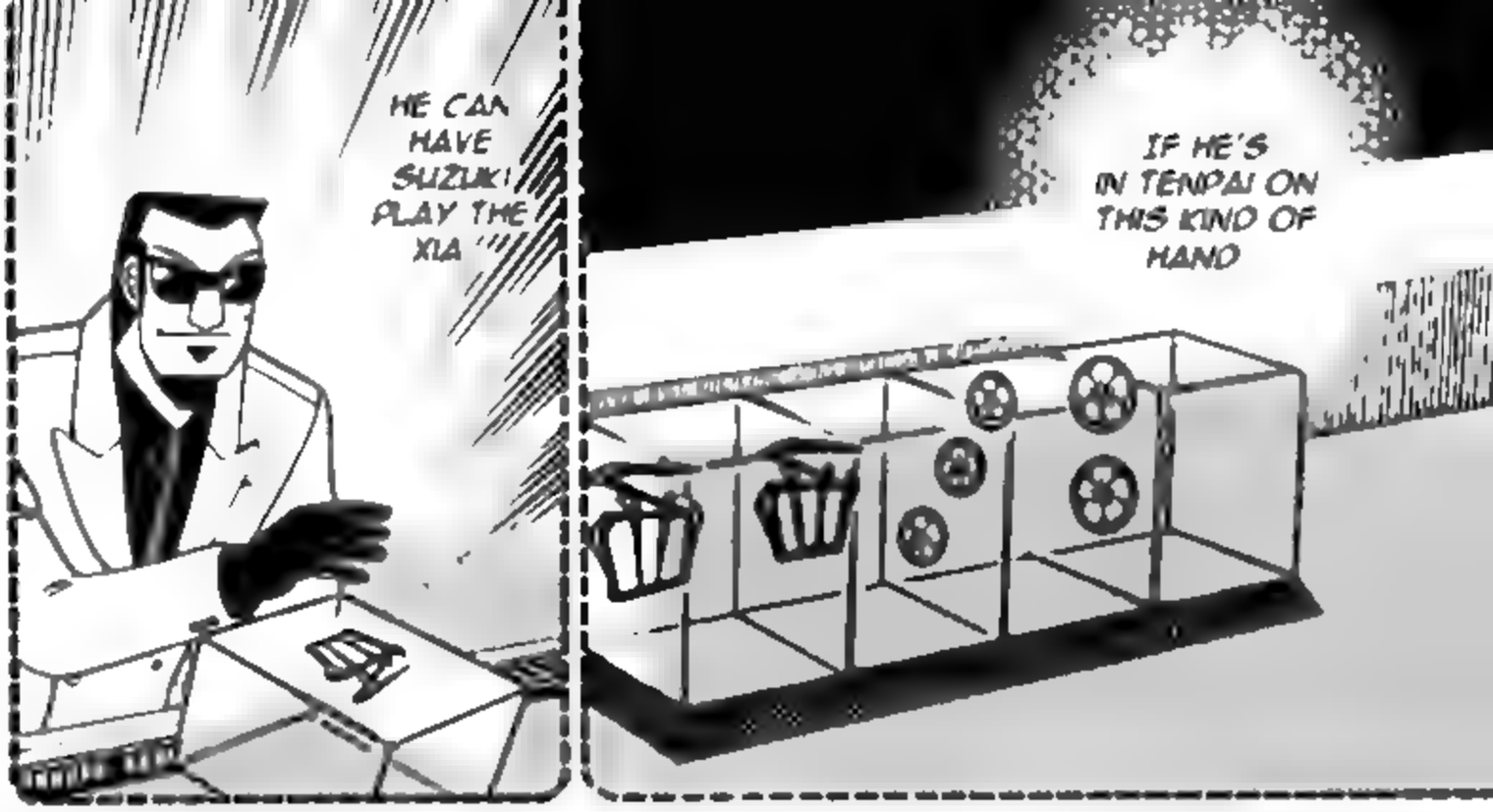
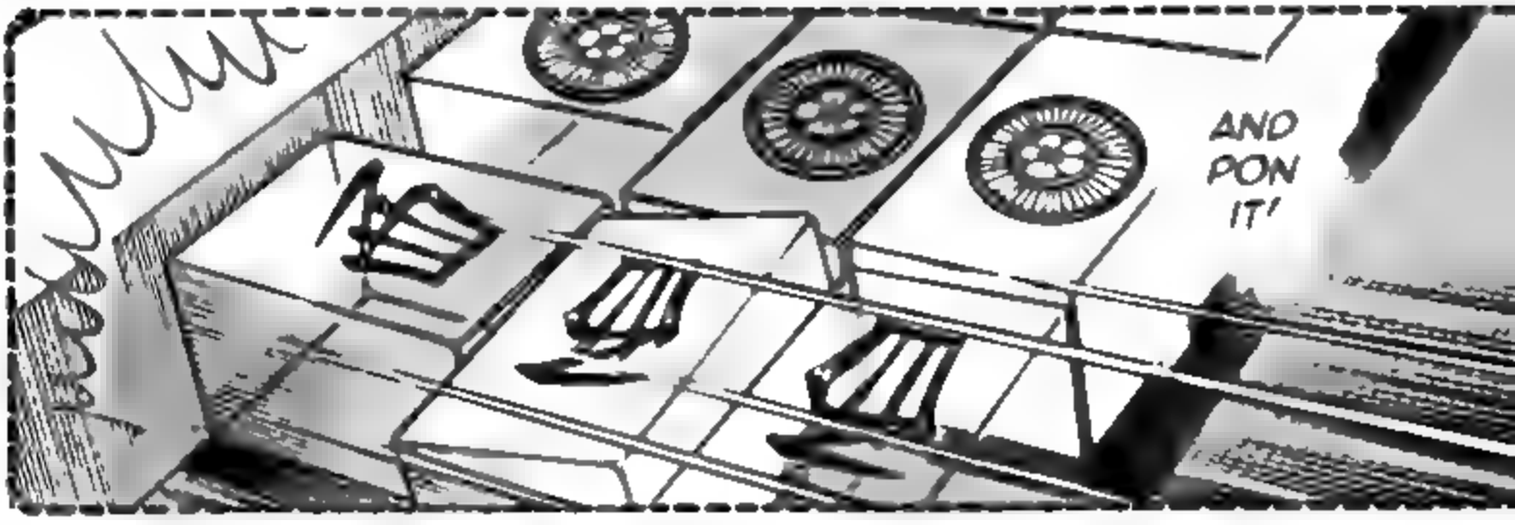
AKAGI
WILL BE
KILLED!!

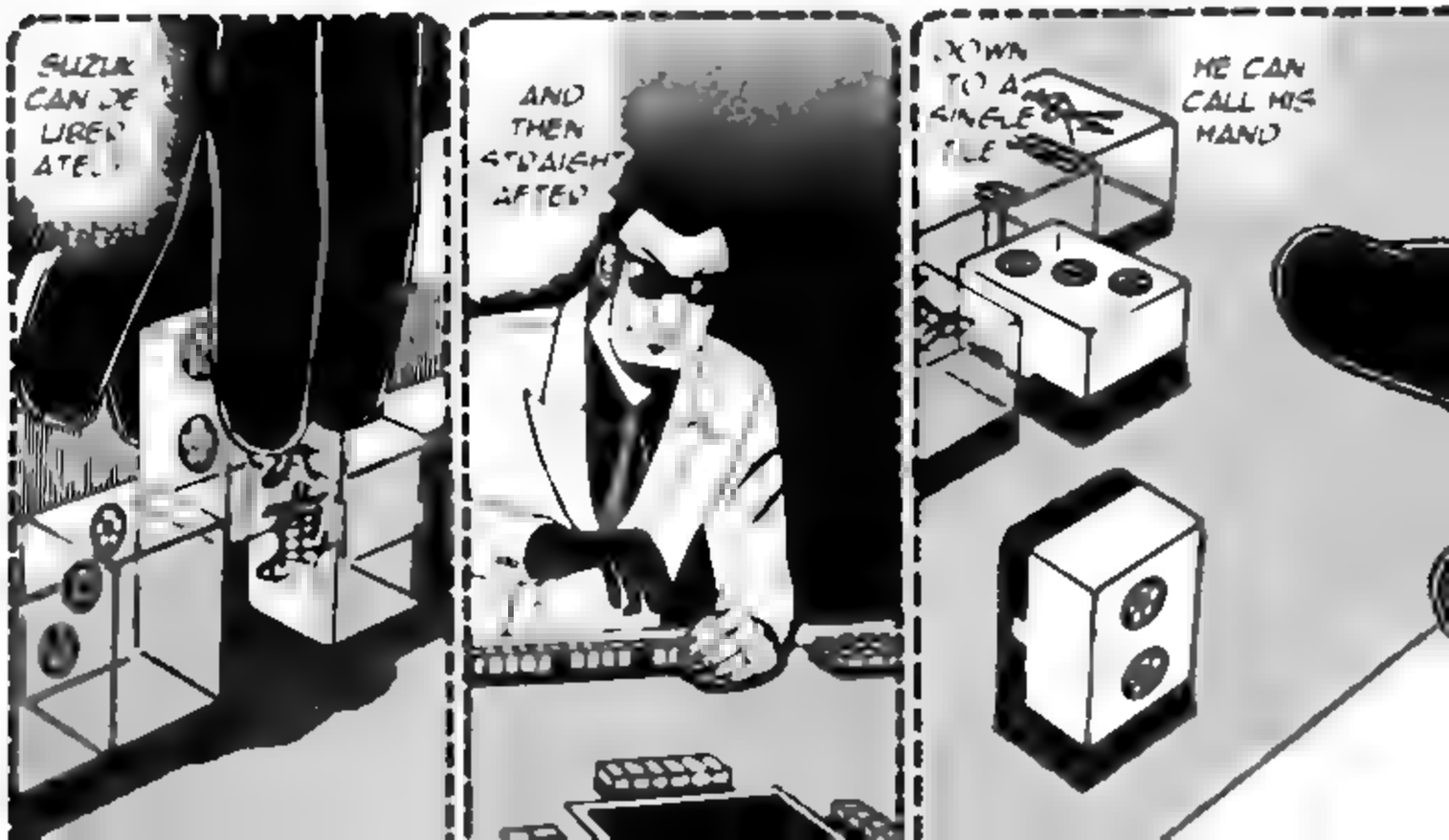


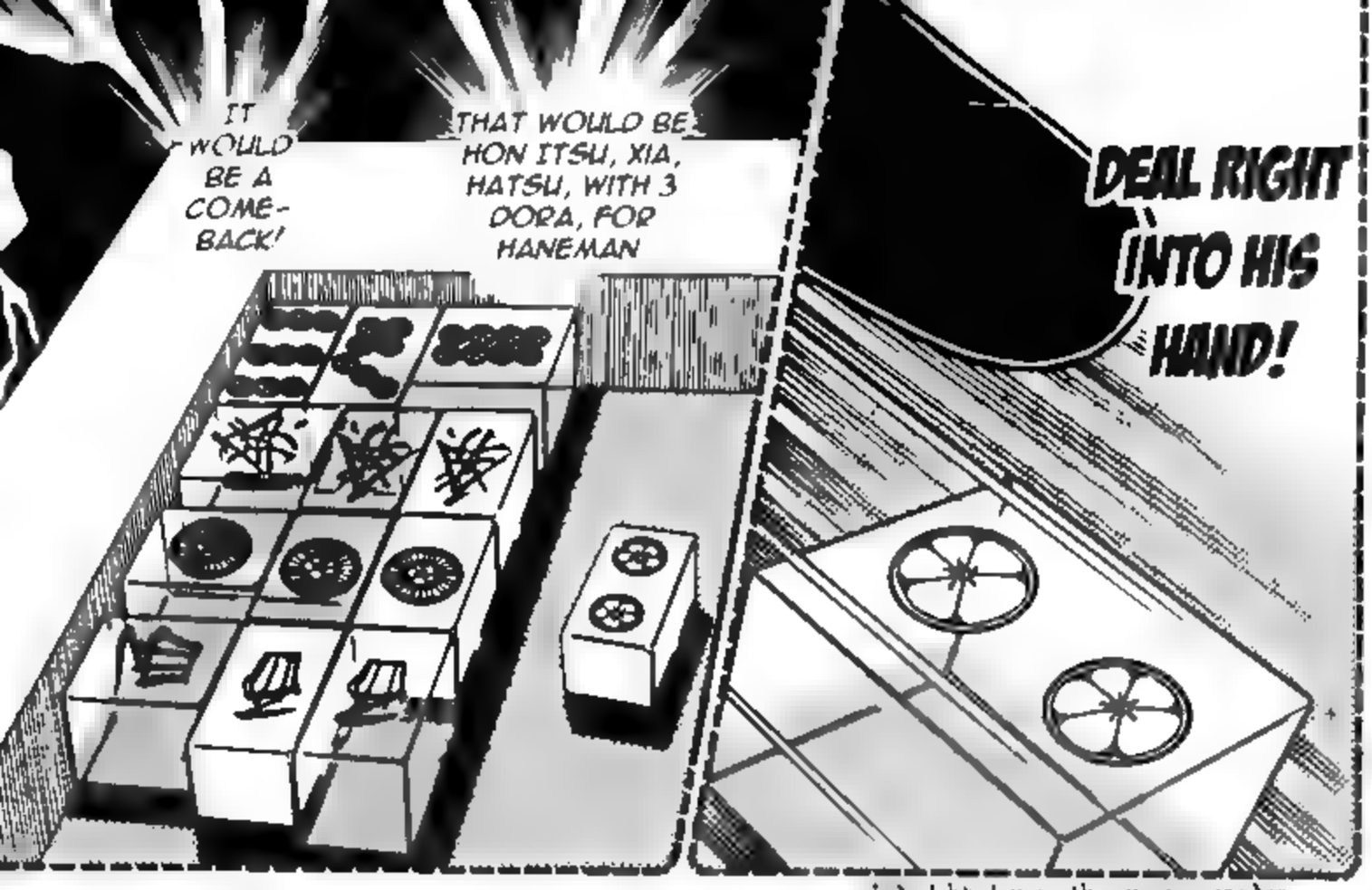
T.N. The [illegible] opaques [illegible] of Xia



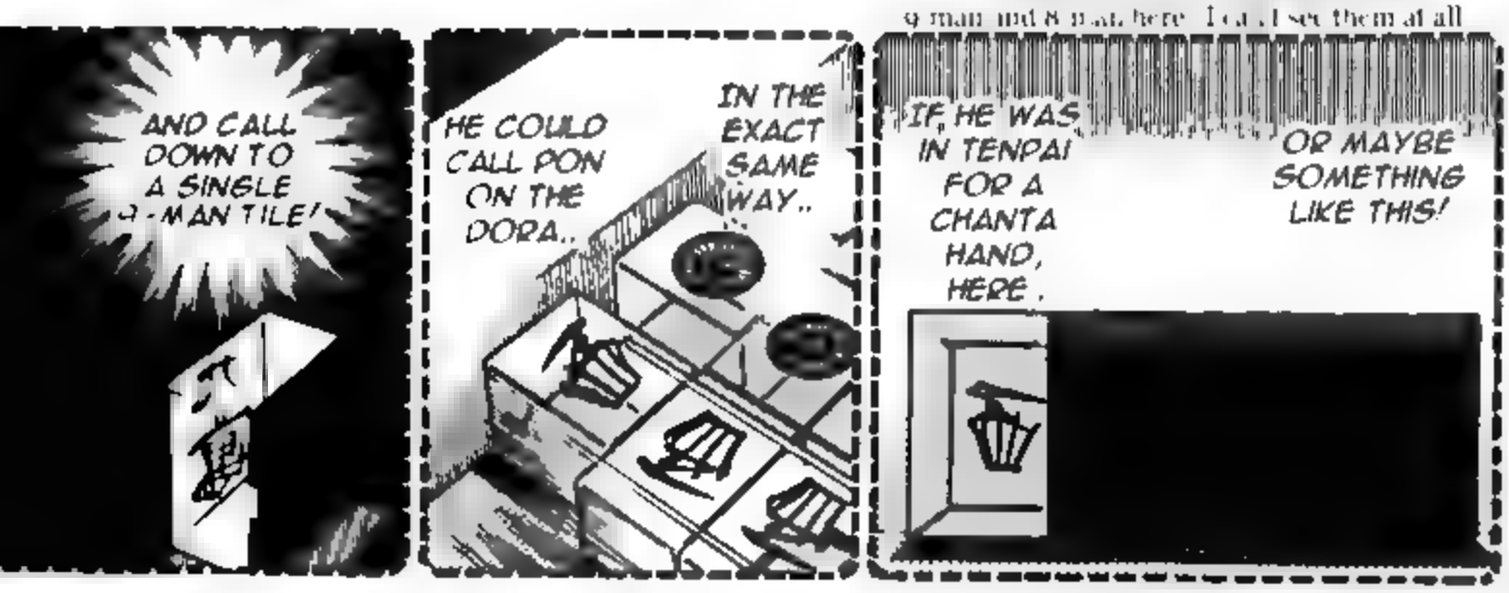

HE CAN HAVE SUZUKI PLAY THE XIA !!!!
IF HE'S IN TENPAI ON THIS KIND OF HAND

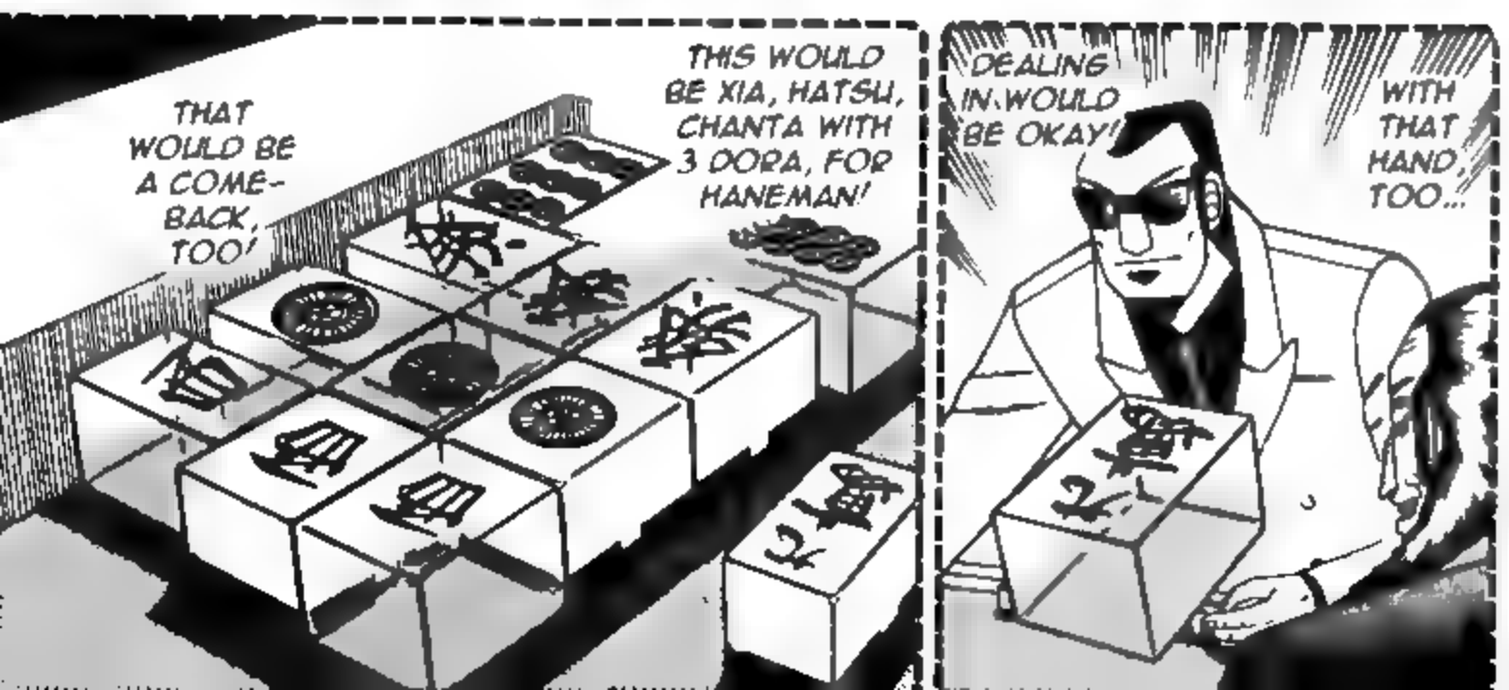

AND PON IT!


SUZUK CAN DE URED ATE.
AND THEN STRAIGHT AFTER
DOWN TO A SINGLE TILE
HE CAN CALL HIS HAND



T.N. Uh, I guess the opaques are Xia, 9 man and 8 pin here. I can't see them at all


AND CALL DOWN TO A SINGLE 9-MAN TILE!
HE COULD CALL PON ON THE DORA..
IN THE EXACT SAME WAY..
IF HE WAS IN TENPAI FOR A CHANTA HAND, HERE.
OR MAYBE SOMETHING LIKE THIS!


THAT WOULD BE A COME-BACK, TOO!
THIS WOULD BE XIA, HATSU, CHANTA WITH 3 DORA, FOR HANEMAN!
DEALING IN WOULD BE OKAY!
WITH THAT HAND, TOO...

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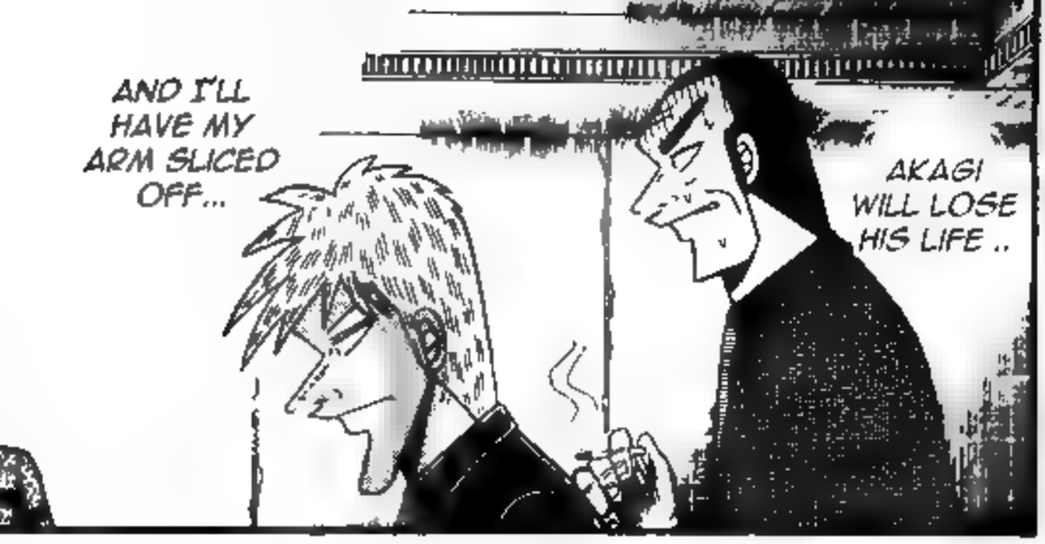
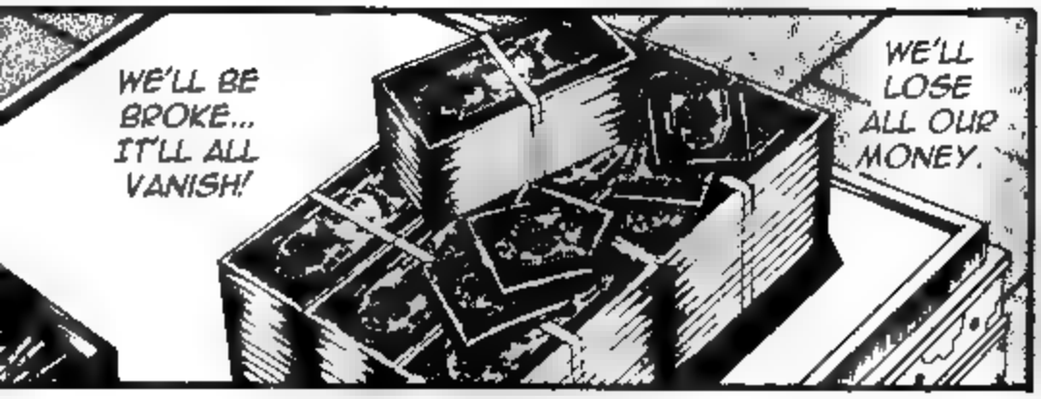
.....

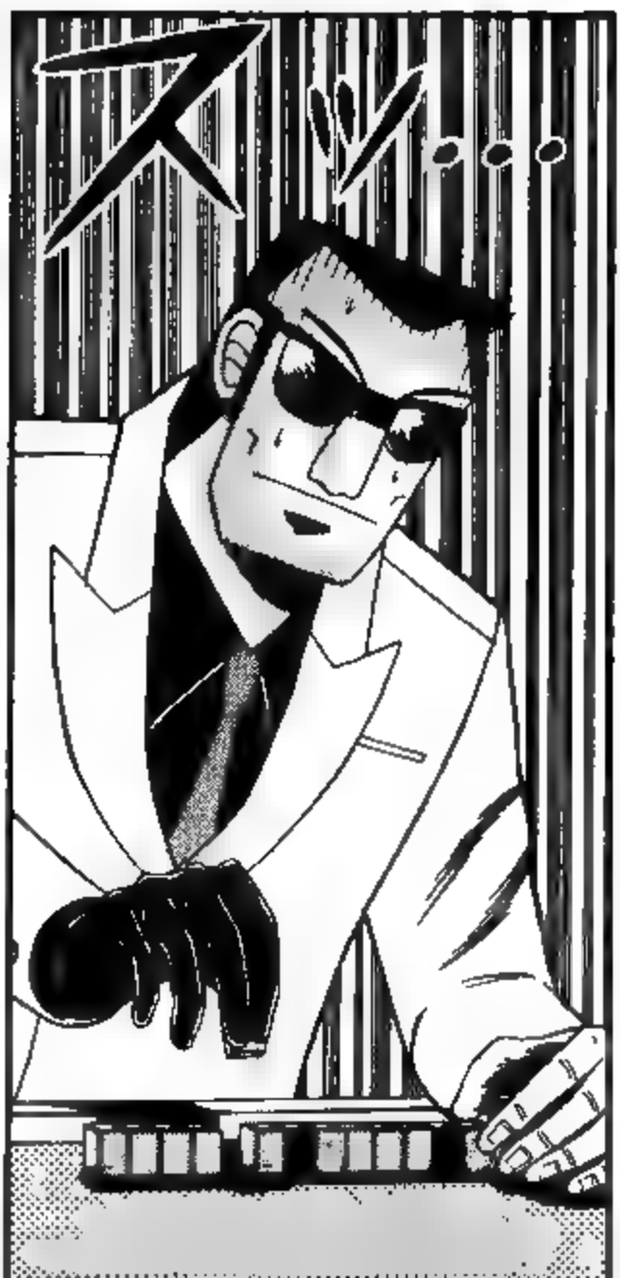
HE'LL DIE...!

IS IN THAT KIND OF SITUATION, THEN JUST LIKE THAT...
RIGHT NOW... IF HIS HAND...

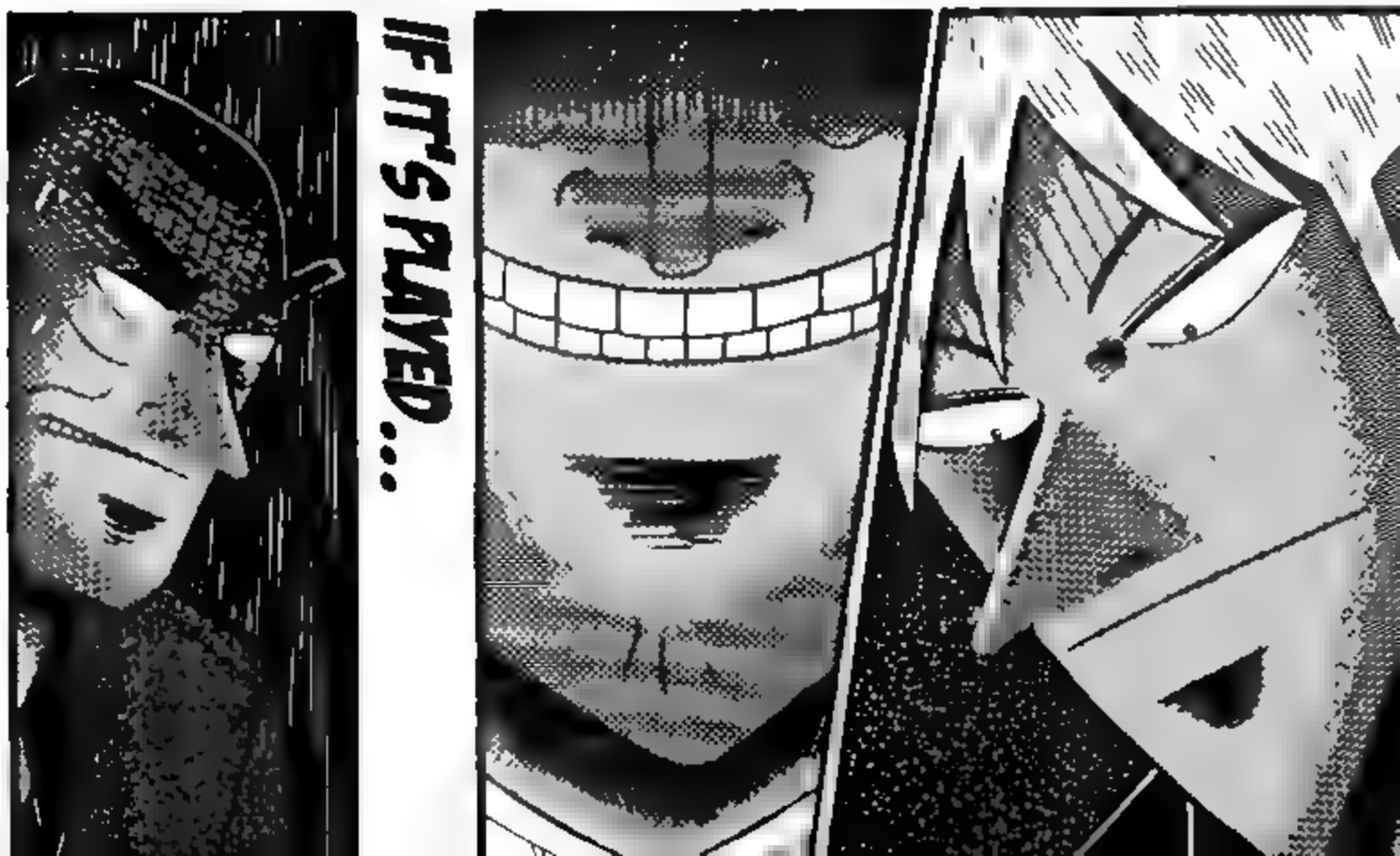


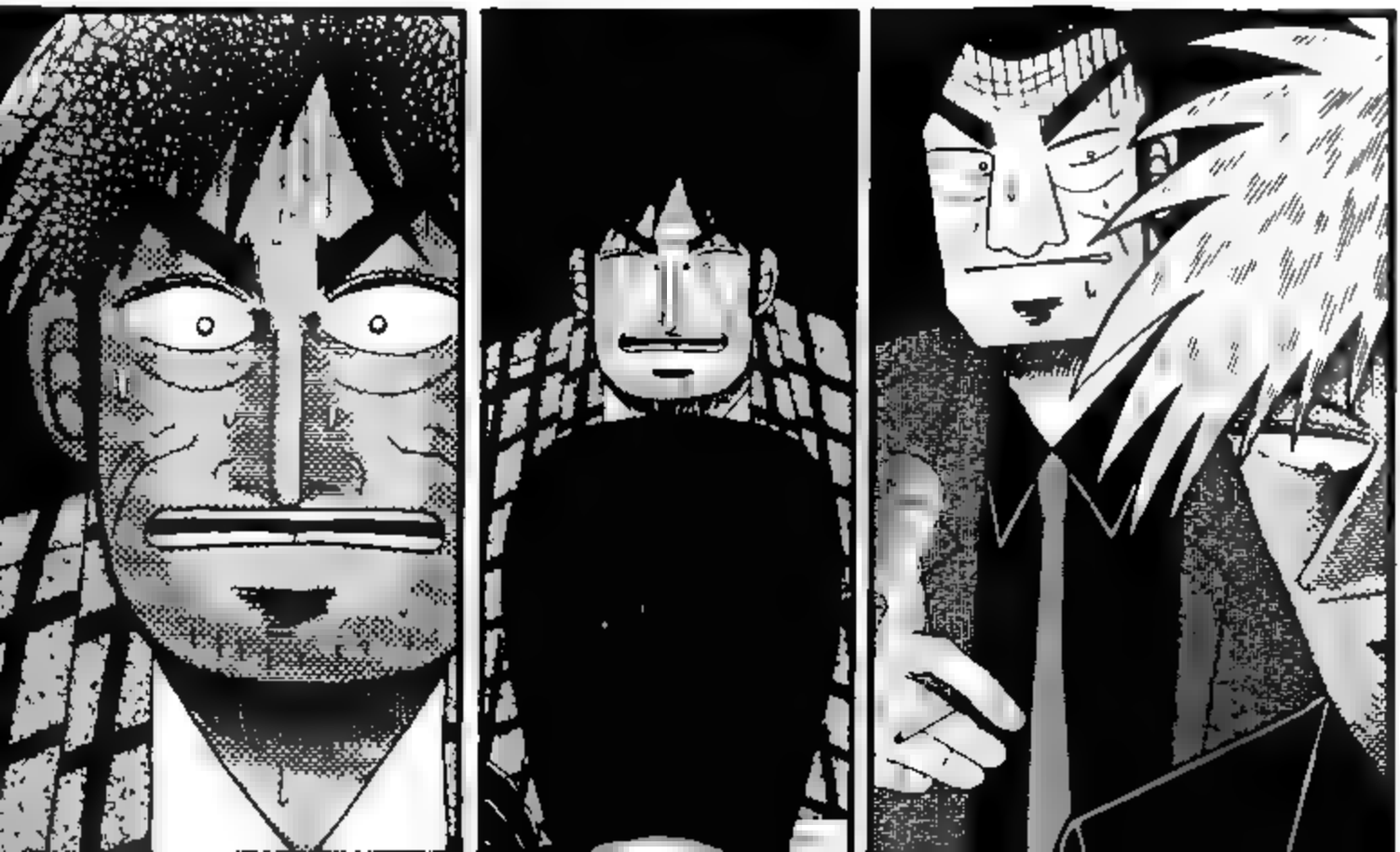


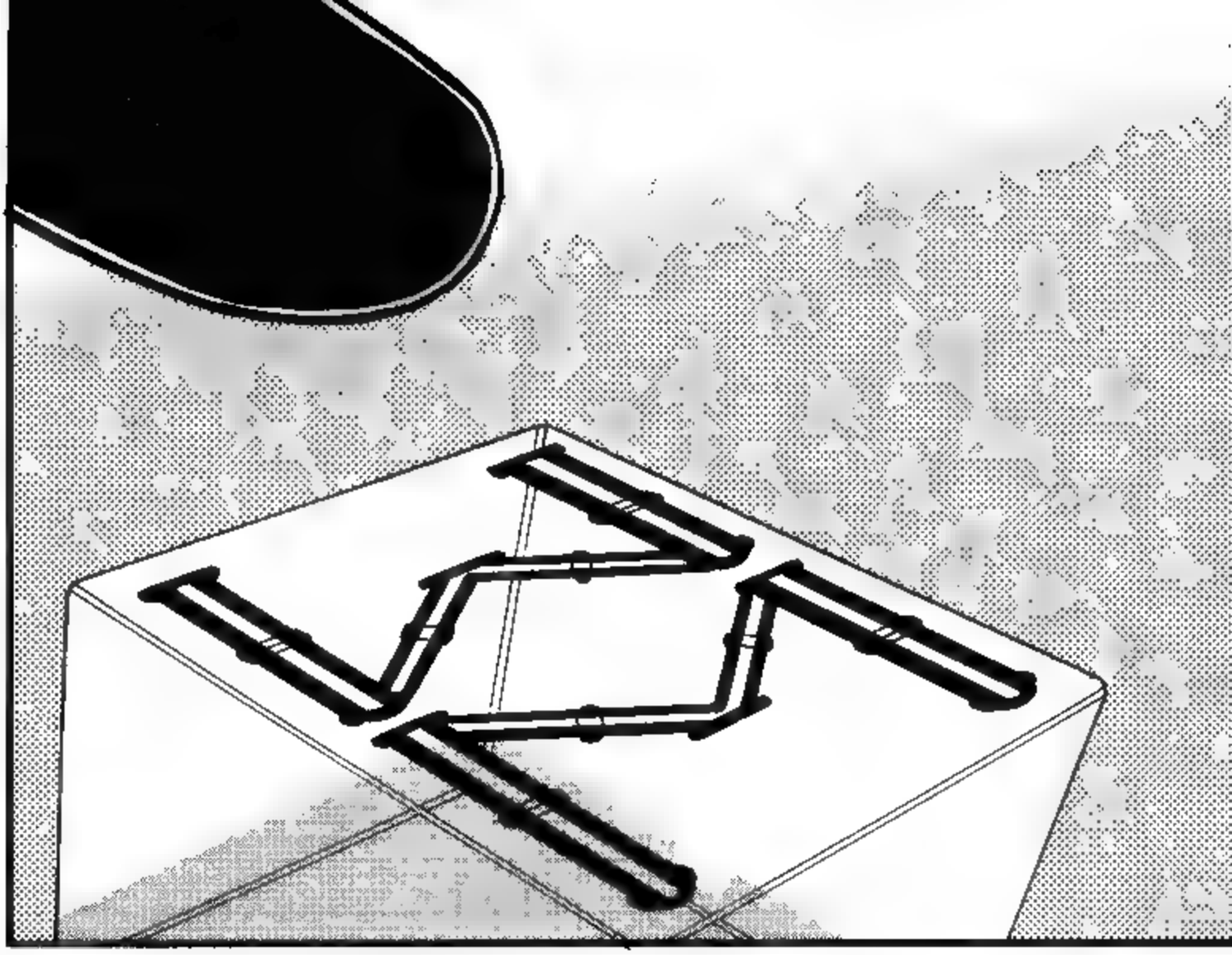
IF, HERE AND NOW...



THE DORA, XIA, IS PLAYED!!


IF IT'S PLAYED...





GNN-
NGH...!
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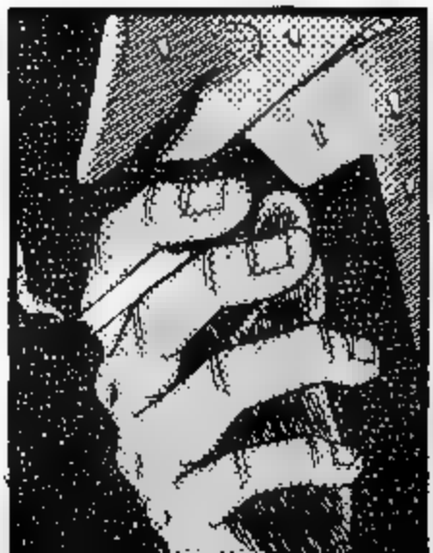
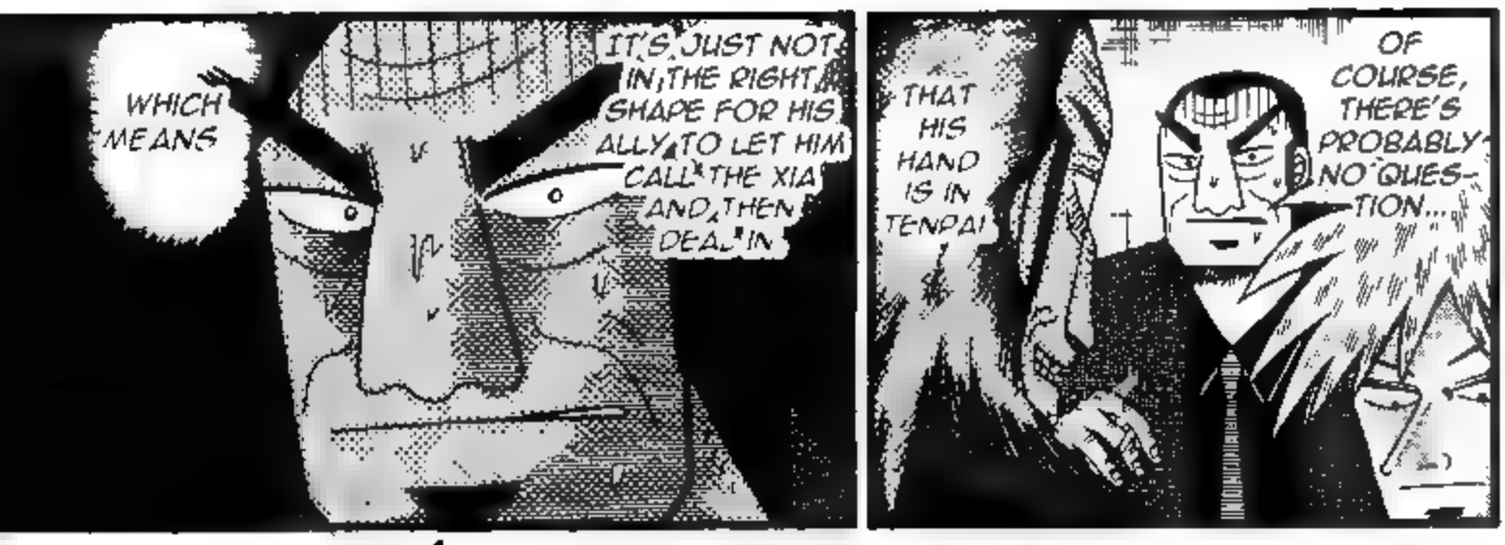
WE'RE
SAVED...!!


WE...

HIS HAND ISN'T IN THAT KIND OF SHAPE, AFTER ALL.
WE'RE SAVED... SAVED!
WE'RE SAVED...


WHICH MEANS
IT'S JUST NOT IN THE RIGHT SHAPE FOR HIS ALLY TO LET HIM CALL THE XIA AND THEN DEAL IN.
THAT HIS HAND IS IN TENPAI
OF COURSE, THERE'S PROBABLY NO QUES-TION...

IF HE CAN...!!
IF AKAGI CAN GET TO TENPAI NOW...
A BIT OF A CHA-NCE!
WE'VE STILL GOT...

But... It was no good!

A useless draw!

A COMPLETELY WORTHLESS PEI TILE...

WHEN EVERY MOMENT IS PRE-CIOUS...!!

GNNGH!

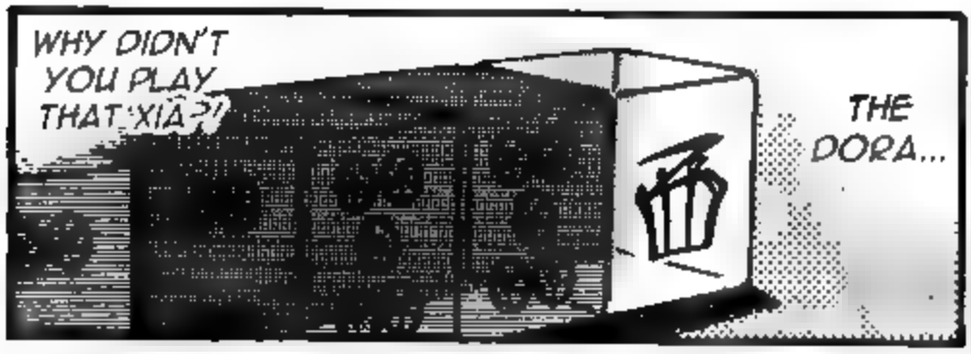
WHAT A WORTH-LESS DRAW!

COME ON!

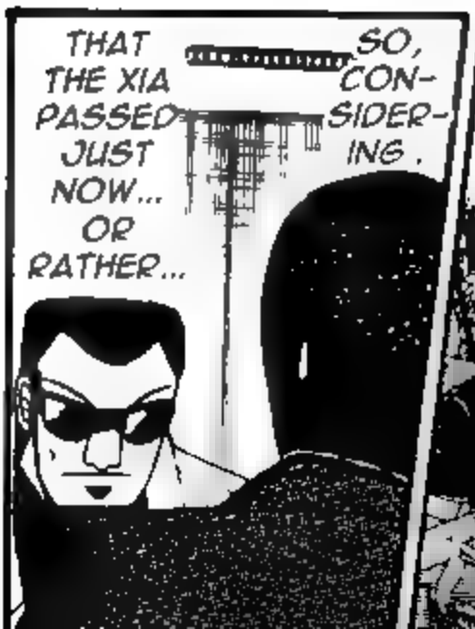
THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE WADING AROUND IN THE MUCK!

THERE'S NO TIME FOR THAT!

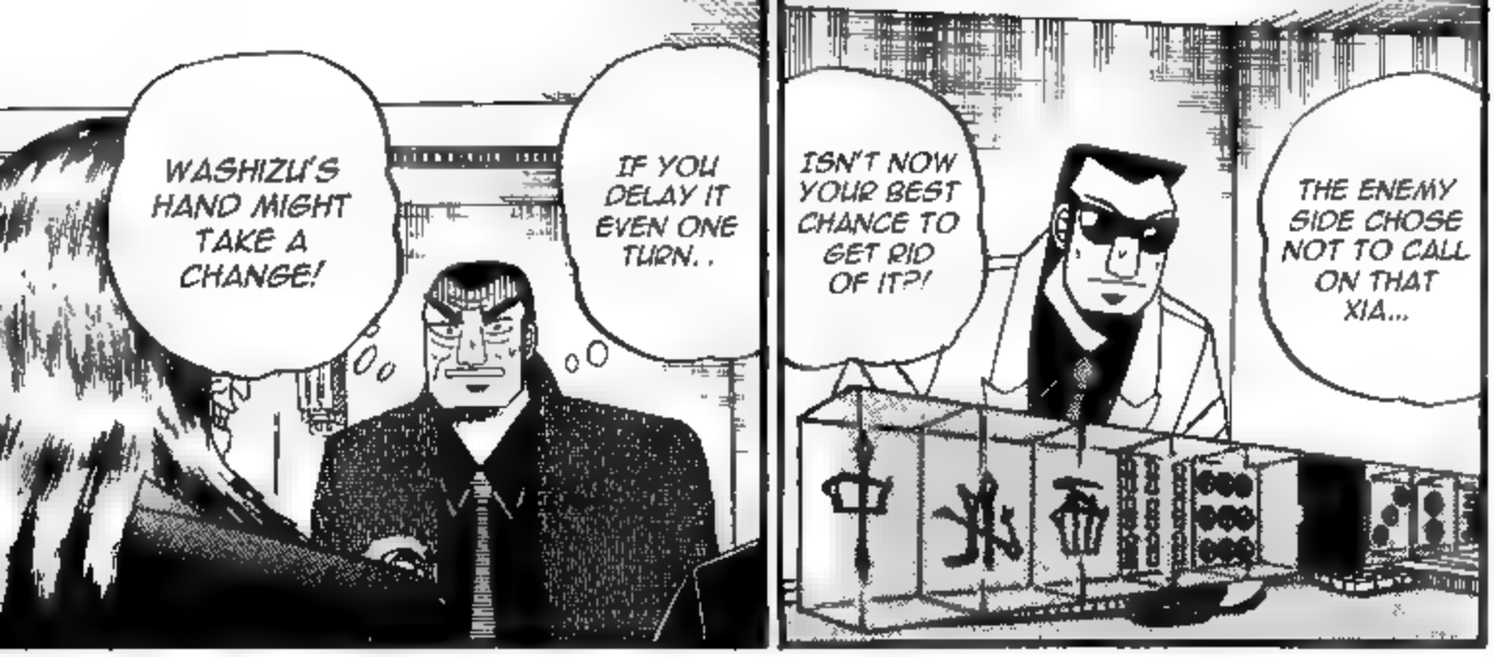
HUH...?!


WHY DIDN'T YOU PLAY THAT XIA?!
THE DORA...

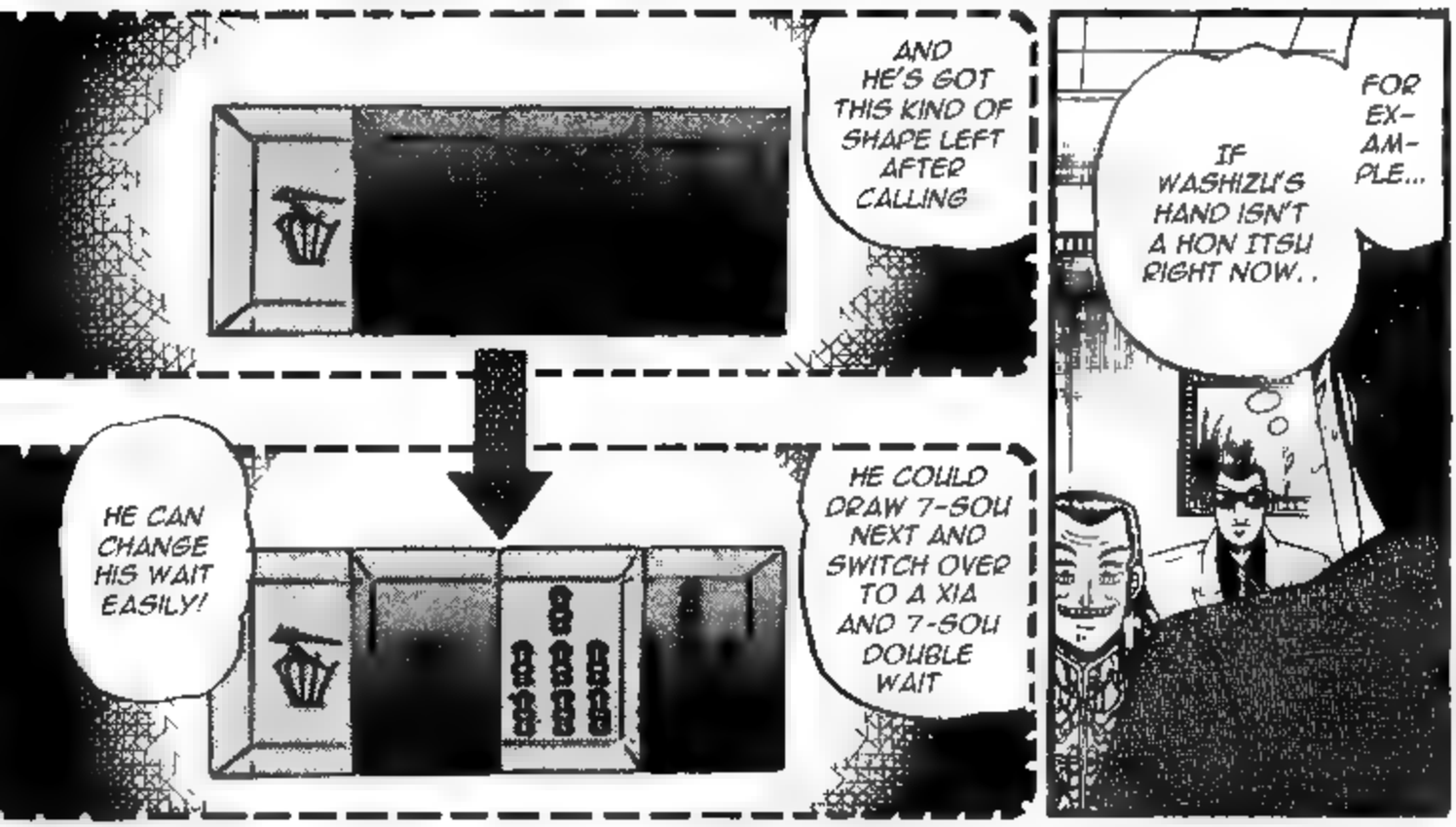
ARE YOU SERIOUS...?!


THAT THE XIA PASSED JUST NOW... OR RATHER...
SO, CONSIDERING.

THAT'S BEEN RESTRAINING YOU, THIS WHOLE ROUND!
AKAGI, THAT XIA HAS BEEN THE SHACKLES..

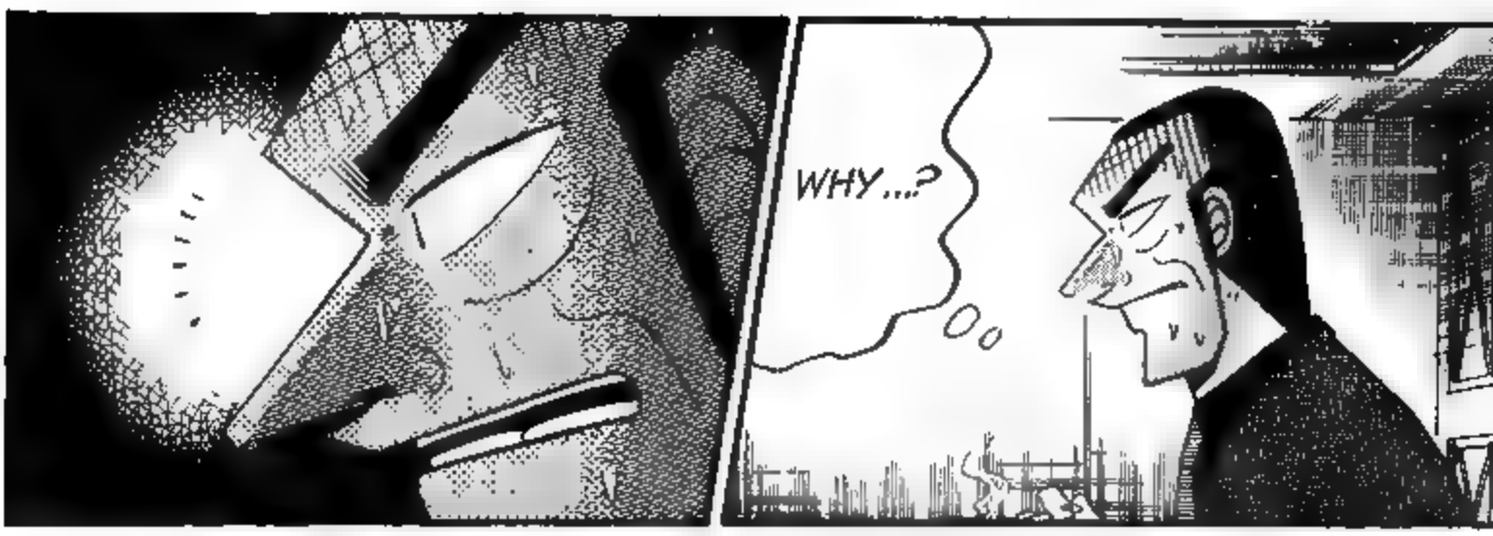

WASHIZU'S HAND MIGHT TAKE A CHANGE!
IF YOU DELAY IT EVEN ONE TURN..
ISN'T NOW YOUR BEST CHANCE TO GET RID OF IT?!
THE ENEMY SIDE CHOSE NOT TO CALL ON THAT XIA...

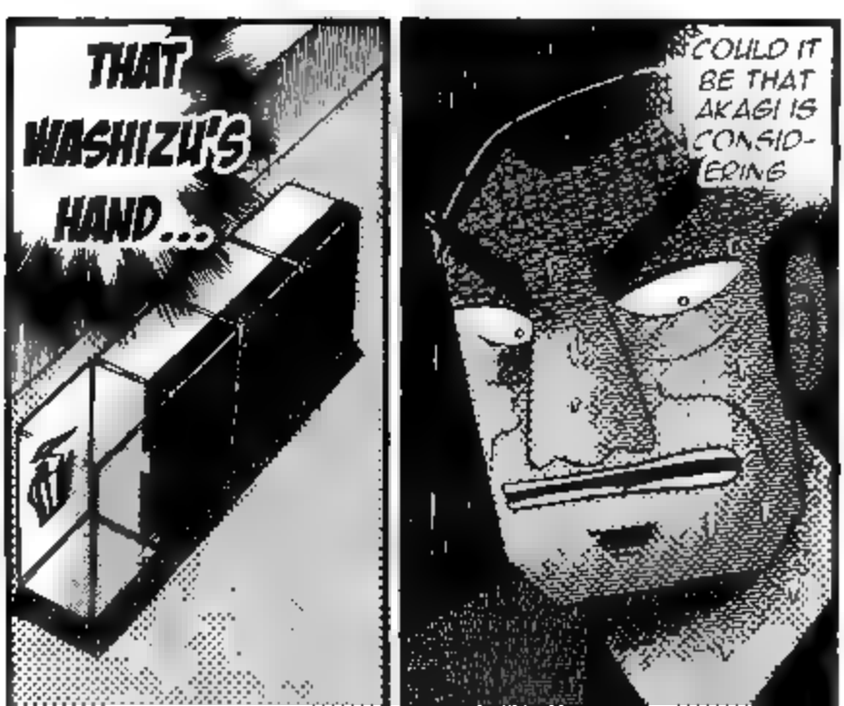
[N] The opaques are Xia, 6-sou, and 7-sou


AND HE'S GOT THIS KIND OF SHAPE LEFT AFTER CALLING
FOR EX-AM-PLE...
IF WASHIZU'S HAND ISN'T A HON ITSU RIGHT NOW..
HE CAN CHANGE HIS WAIT EASILY!
HE COULD DRAW 7-SOU NEXT AND SWITCH OVER TO A XIA AND 7-SOU DOUBLE WAIT

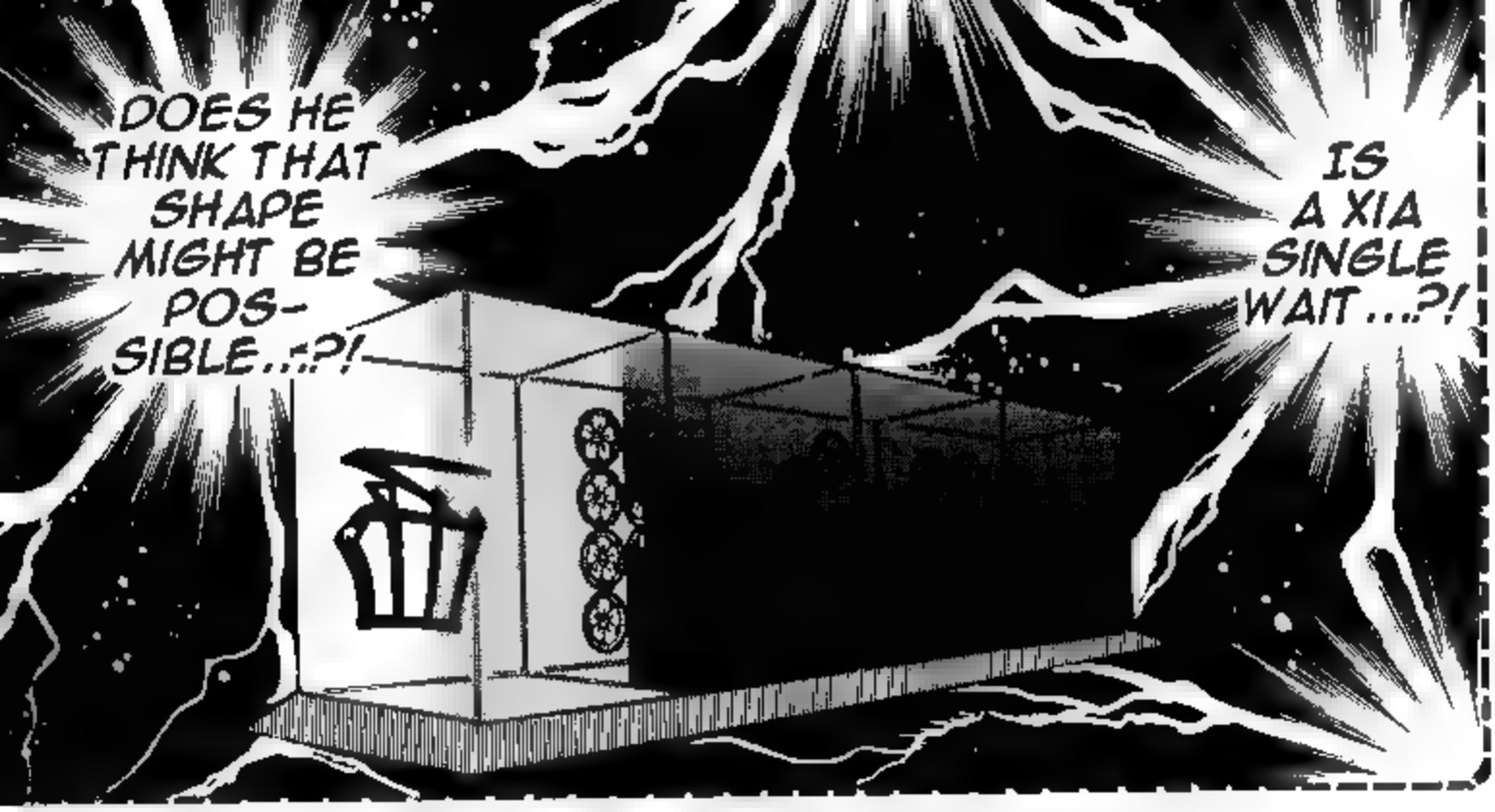
YOU'D NEVER BE ABLE TO PLAY IT, THEN!
A COME-BACK
IT WOULD BE A HATSU, XIA, 3-OORA MANGAN DIRECT HIT!
IF YOU DID PLAY IT.
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO PLAY THE XIA ANY MORE!
ONCE HE'S GOT THAT HAND..

TO BE RID OF THAT DORA, THE XIA?!
ISN'T THIS THE BEST AND ONLY CHANCE YOU'LL GET...
RIGHT NOW...
CONSIDERING THE POSSI-BILITY OF THAT...

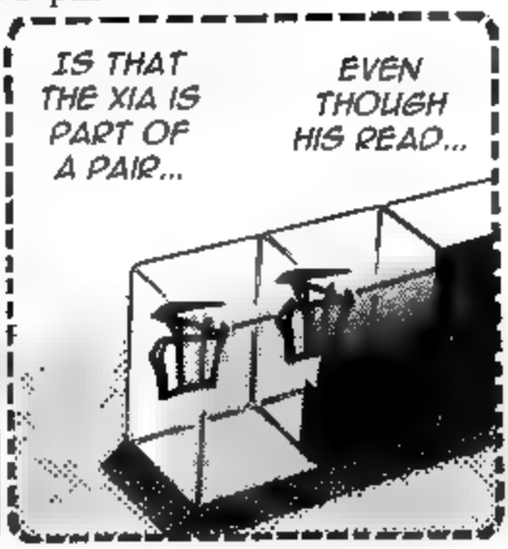

WHY...?

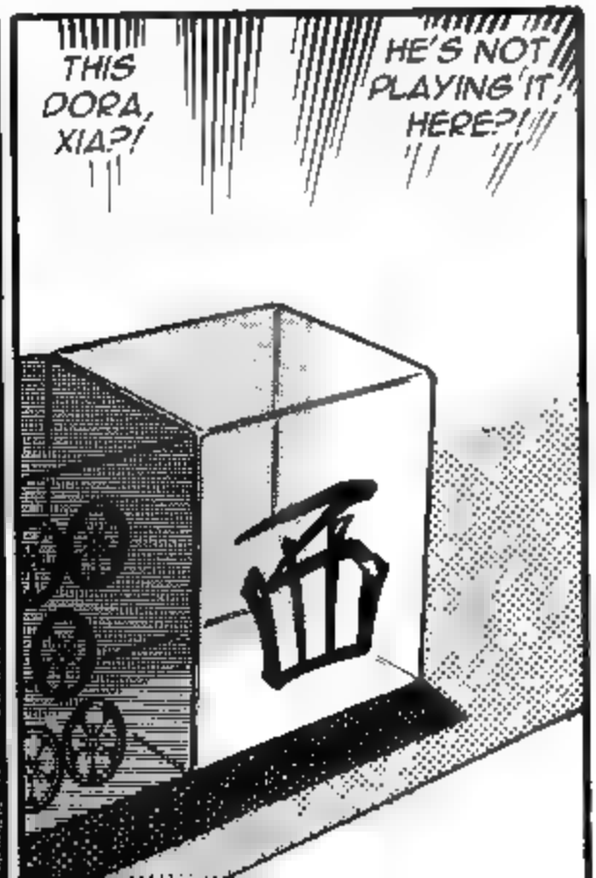

THAT WASHIZU'S HAND...
COULD IT BE THAT AKAGI IS CONSID-ERING

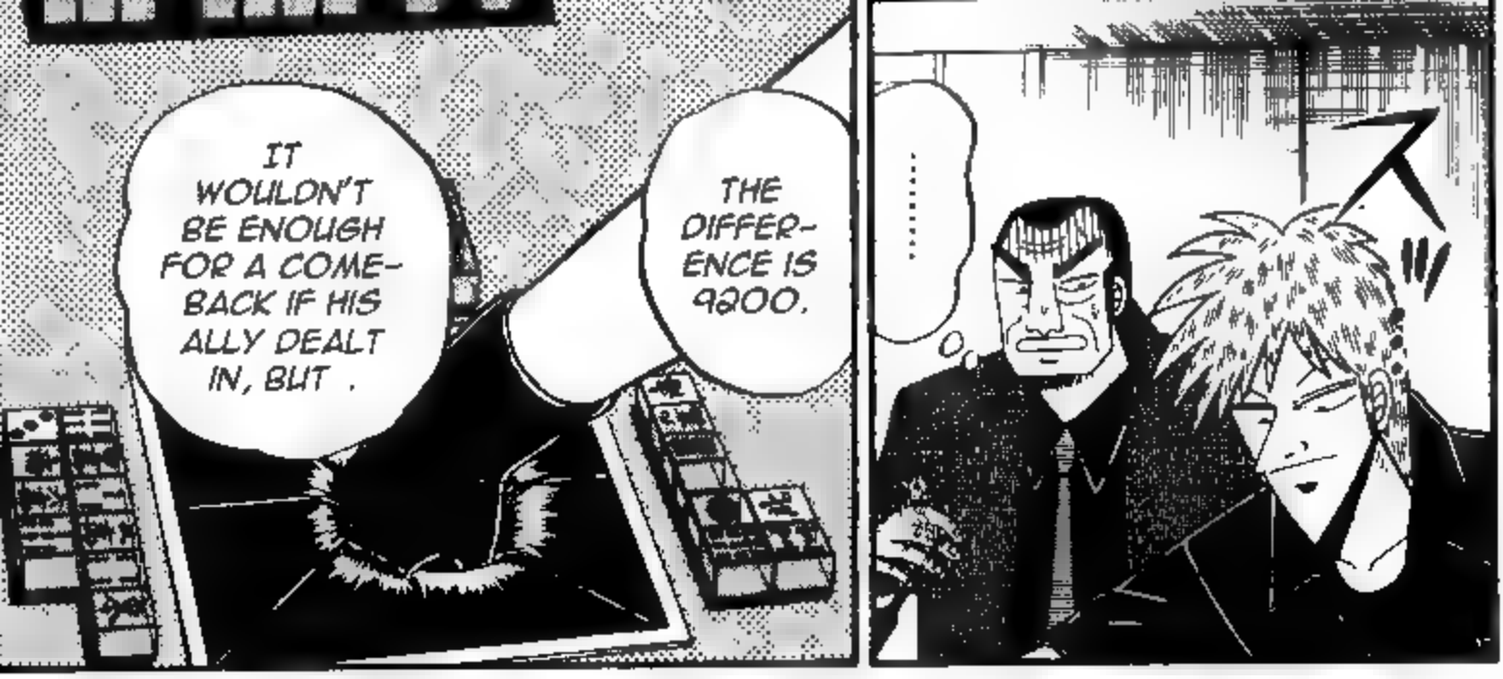
WAIT A MINUTE!



T N: The opaques here are 6-, 7-, and 8-pin






IT WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH FOR A COME-BACK IF HIS ALLY DEALT IN, BUT .
THE DIFFER-ENCE IS 9200.
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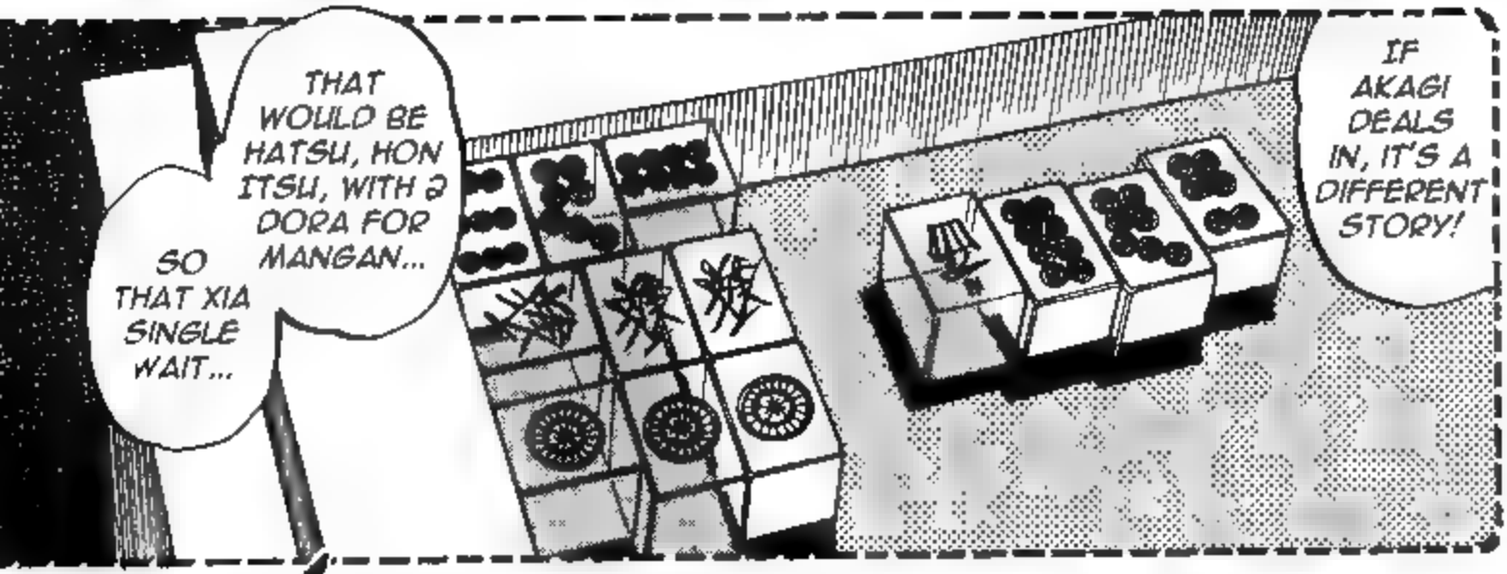
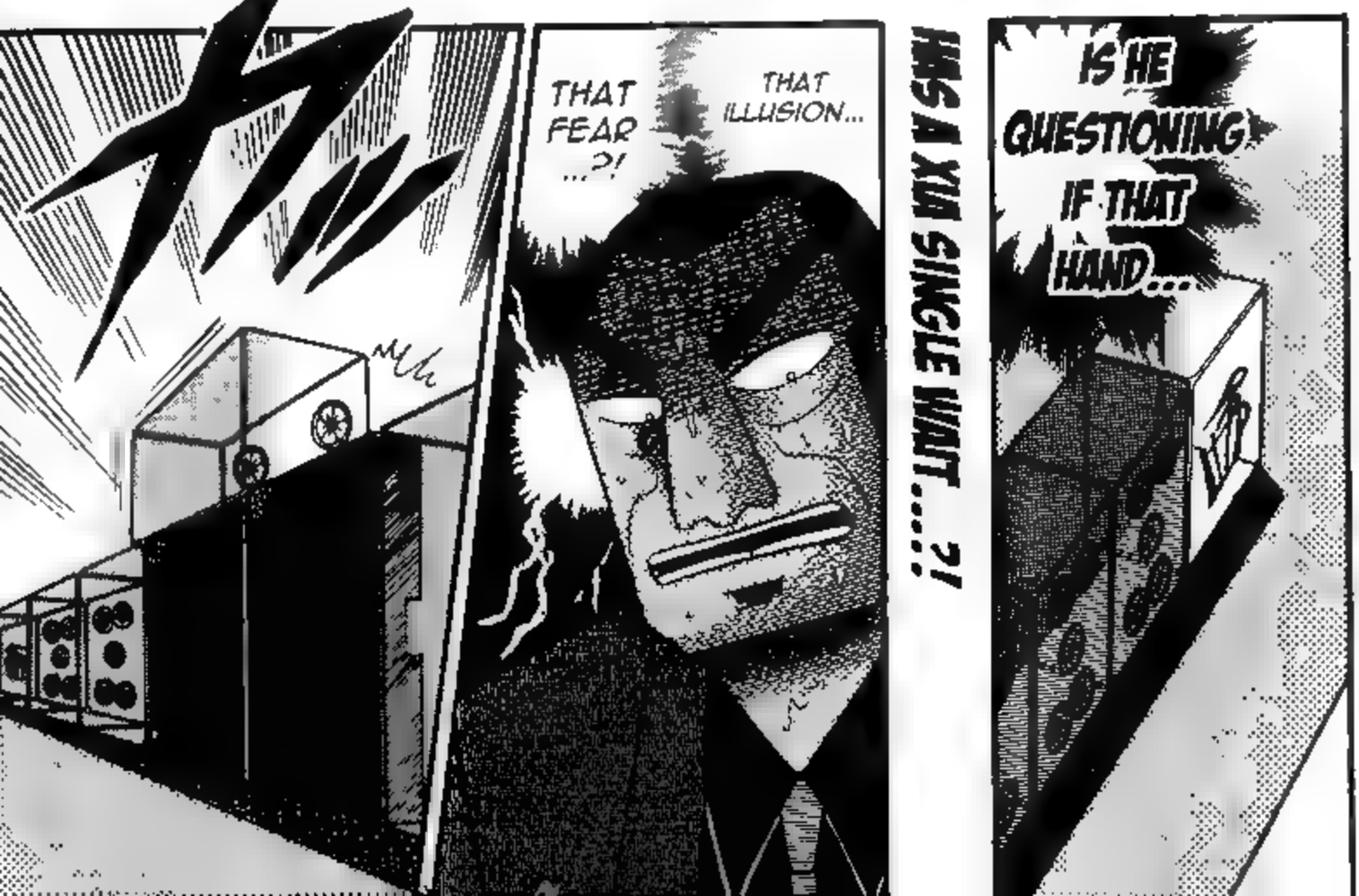
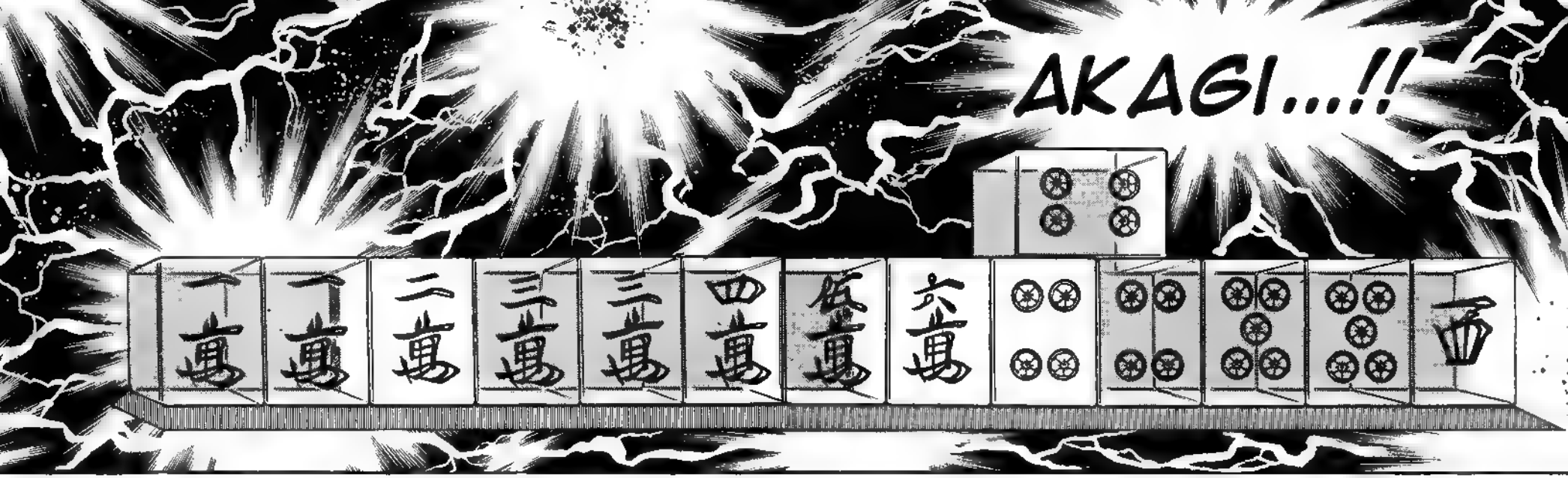
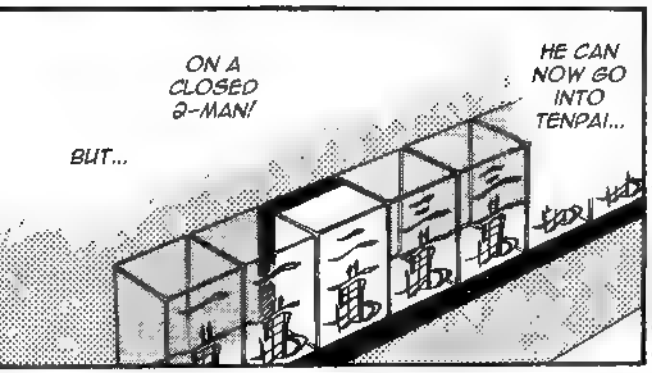
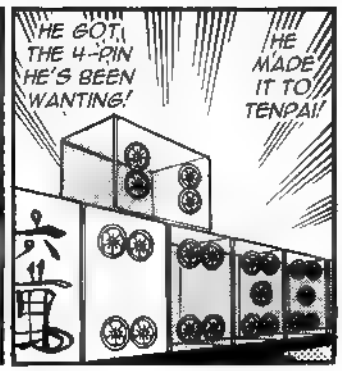
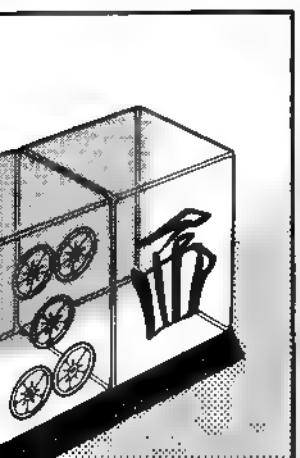

SO THAT XIA SINGLE WAIT...
THAT WOULD BE HATSU, HON ITSU, WITH 2 DORA FOR MANGAN...
IF AKAGI DEALS IN, IT'S A DIFFERENT STORY!

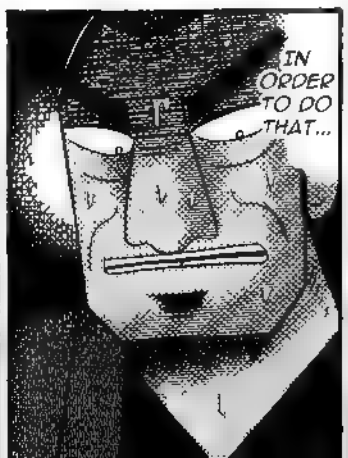

IS HE QUESTIONING IF THAT HAND...
HAS A XIA SINGLE WAIT...?!
THAT FEAR ...?!
THAT ILLUSION...

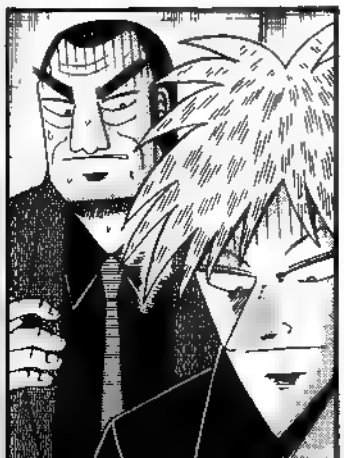

AKAGI...!!

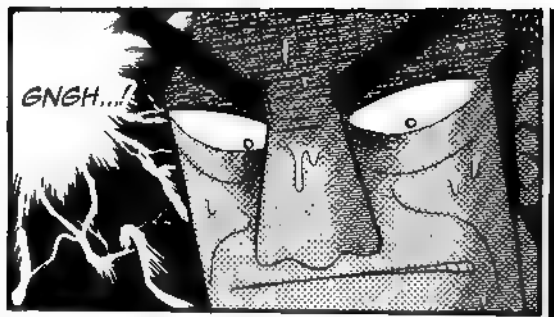

ON A CLOSED 2-MAN!
BUT...
HE CAN NOW GO INTO TENPAI...


HE GOT THE 4-PIN HE'S BEEN WANTING!
HE MADE IT TO TENPAI!




IN ORDER TO DO THAT...




GNGH...!

HE GOT THE RIGHT TILE!

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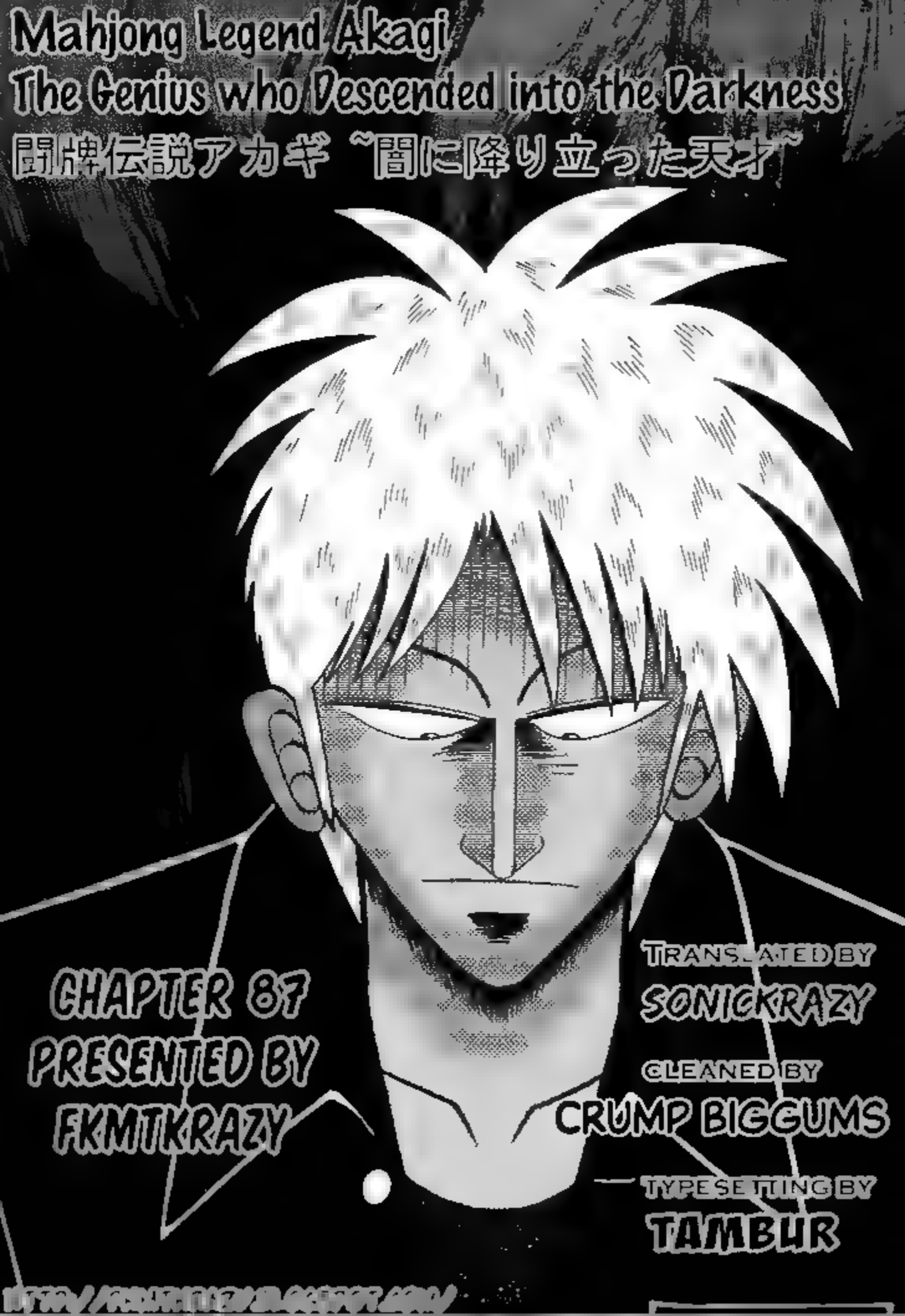

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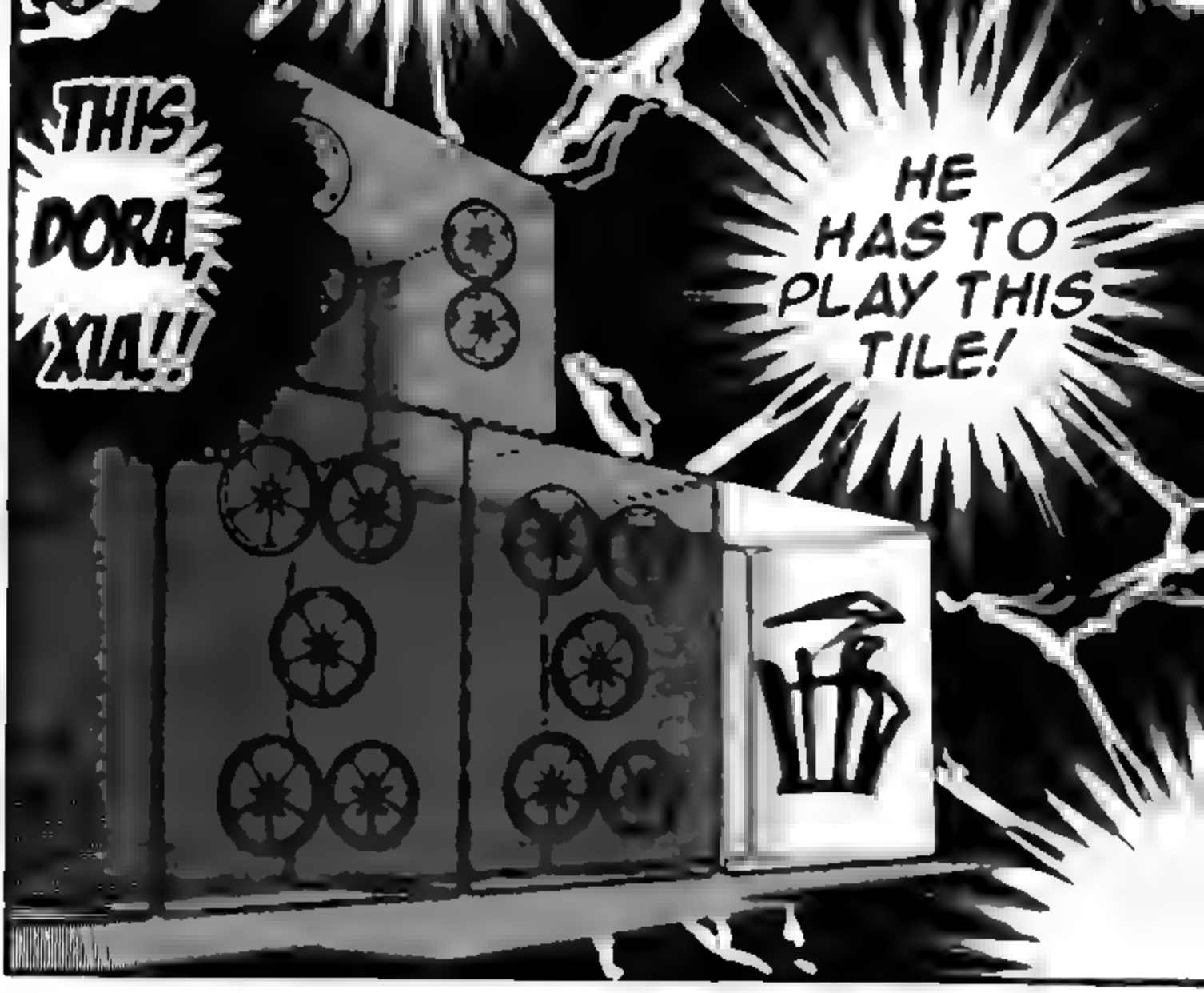
THIS DORA, XIA!!
HE HAS TO PLAY THIS TILE!

AKAGI ...!!

CHAPTER 88: TREMENDOUS DIFFERENCE

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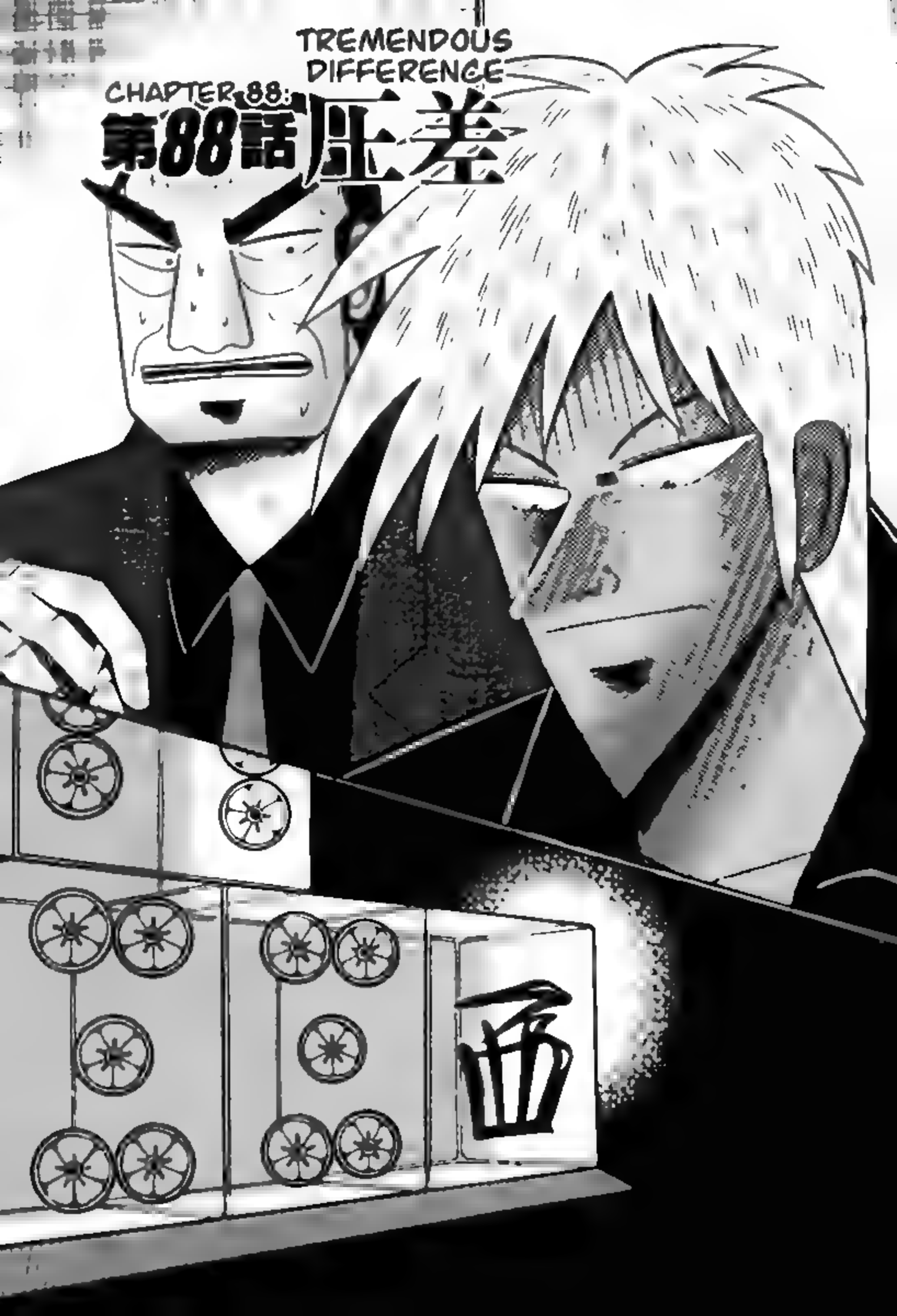
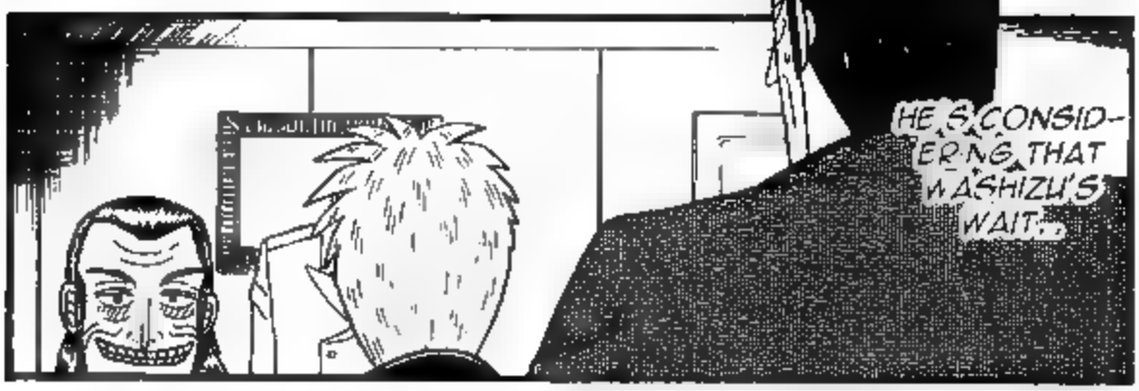
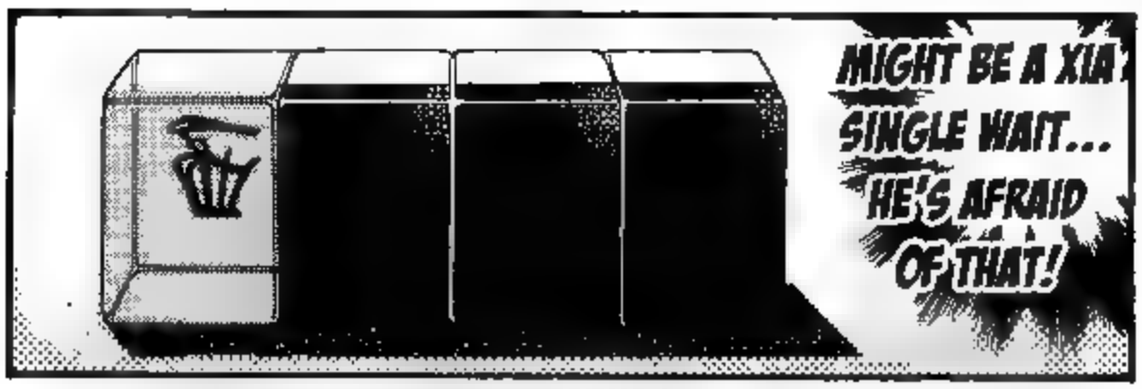
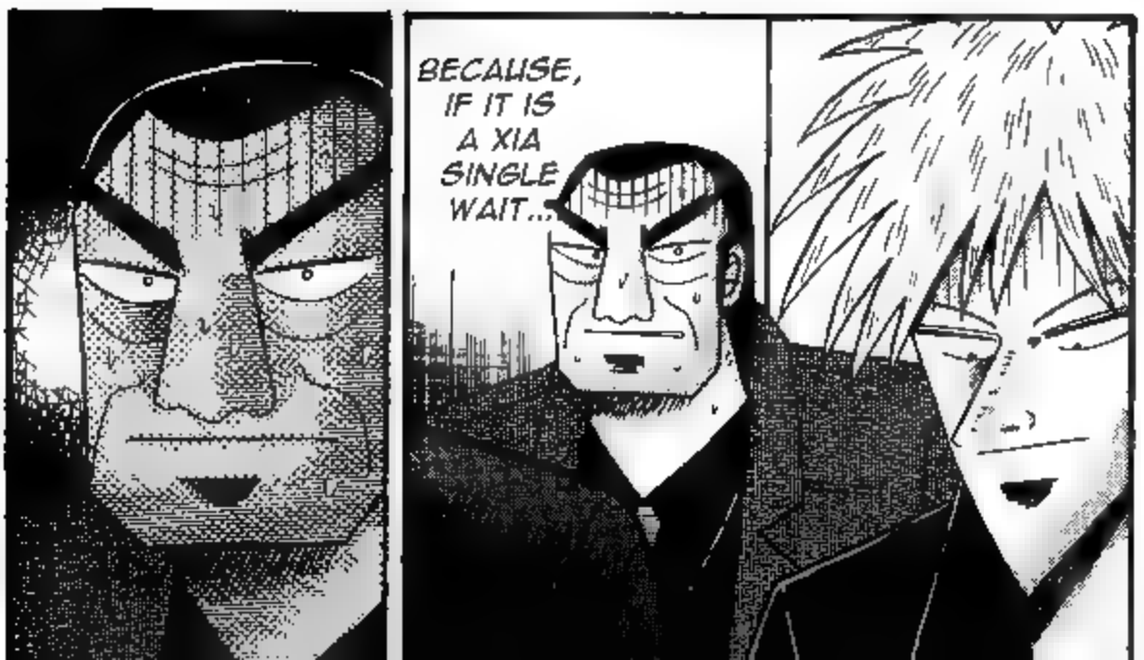
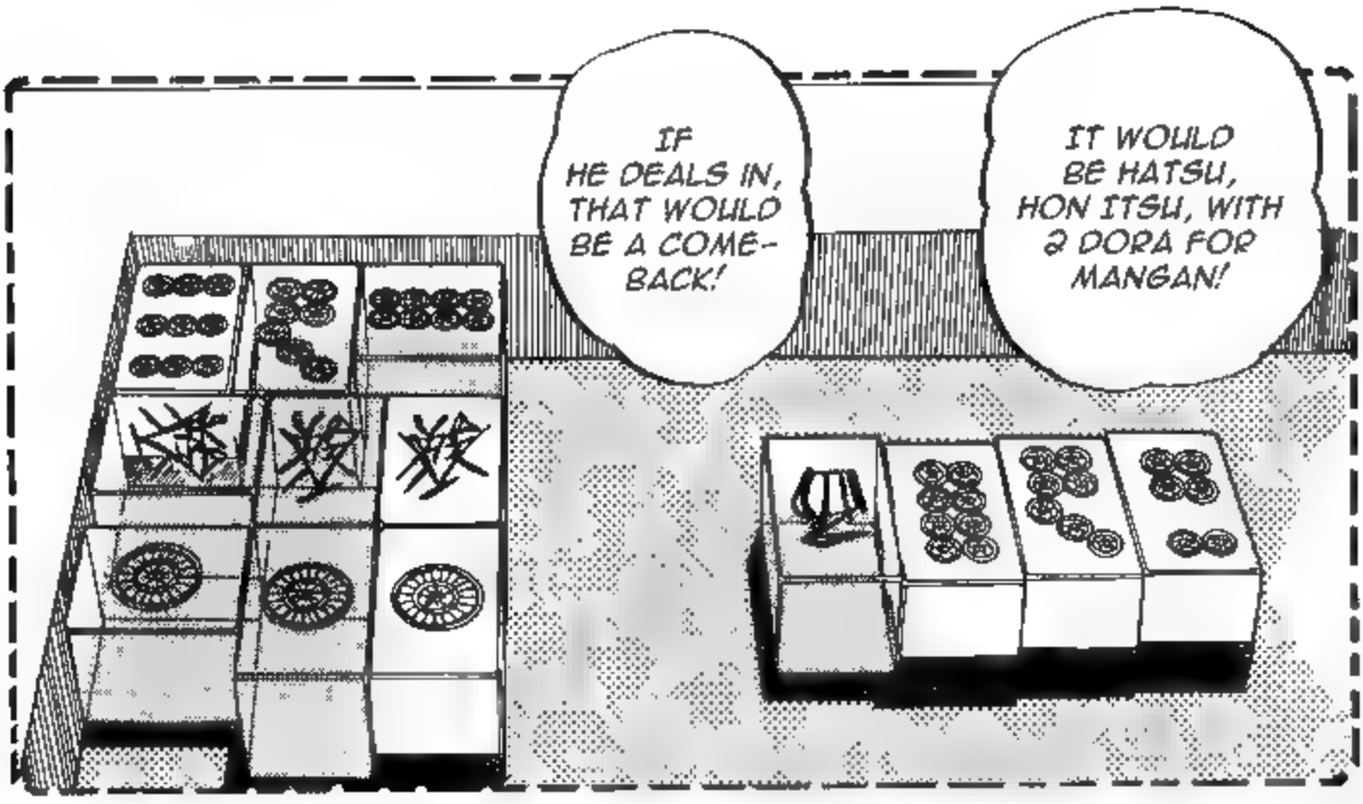


AKAGI'S HESITATING!

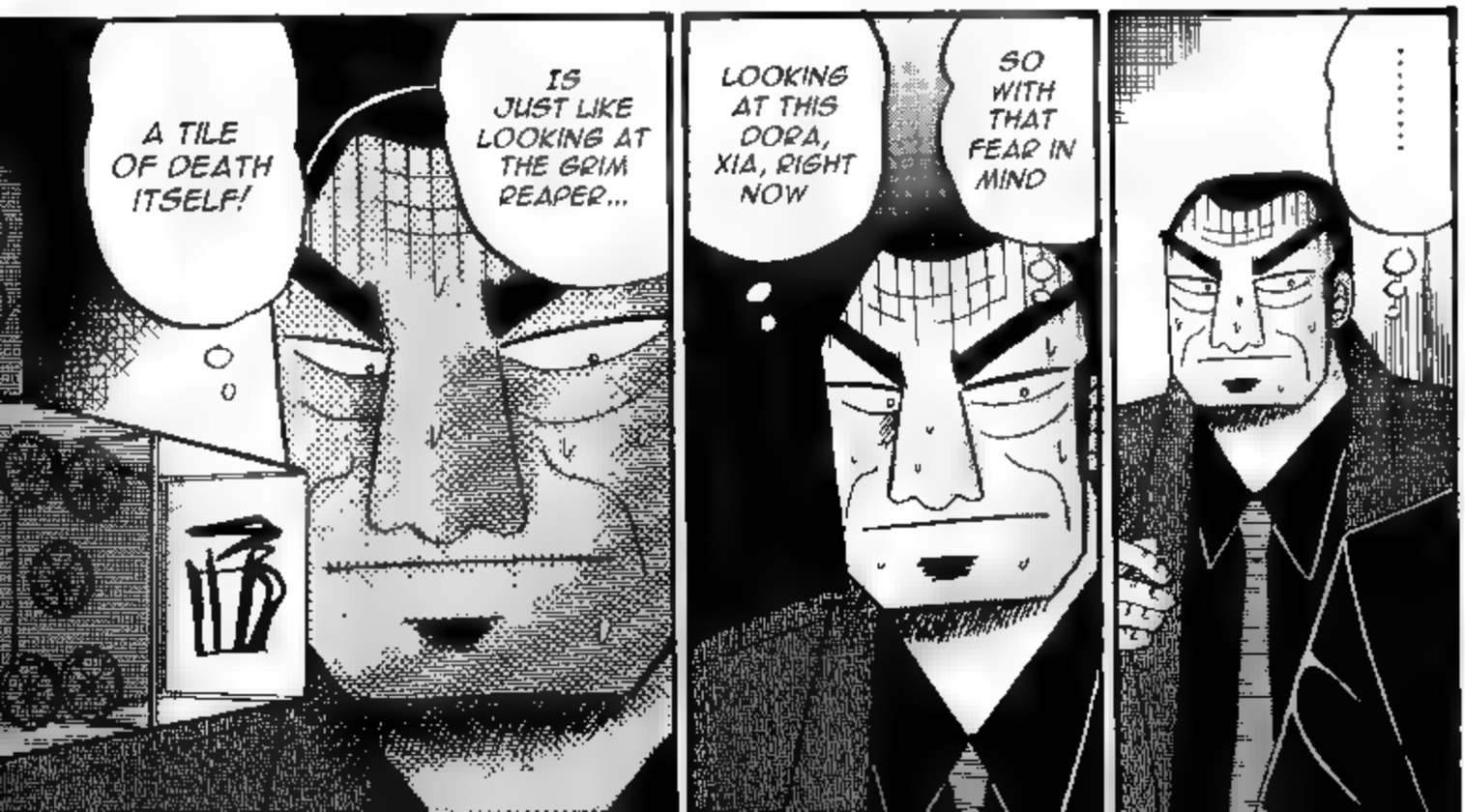







IF HE DEALS IN, THAT WOULD BE A COME-BACK!
IT WOULD BE HATSU, HON ITSU, WITH 2 DORA FOR MANGAN!

BUT IF AKAGI PLAYS THIS DORA, XIA, HIMSELF...
HE'D PAY 8000 POINTS DIRECTLY TO HIS OPPONENT WASHIZU, AND GIVE UP THE LEAD!
SINCE THE POINT DIFFERENCE IS AT 9700 POINTS, THAT ALONE WOULDN'T BE A DIRECT HIT.
EVEN IF HIS ALLY SUZUKI DEALT IN...


A TILE OF DEATH ITSELF!
IS JUST LIKE LOOKING AT THE GRIM REAPER...
LOOKING AT THIS DORA, XIA, RIGHT NOW
SO WITH THAT FEAR IN MIND
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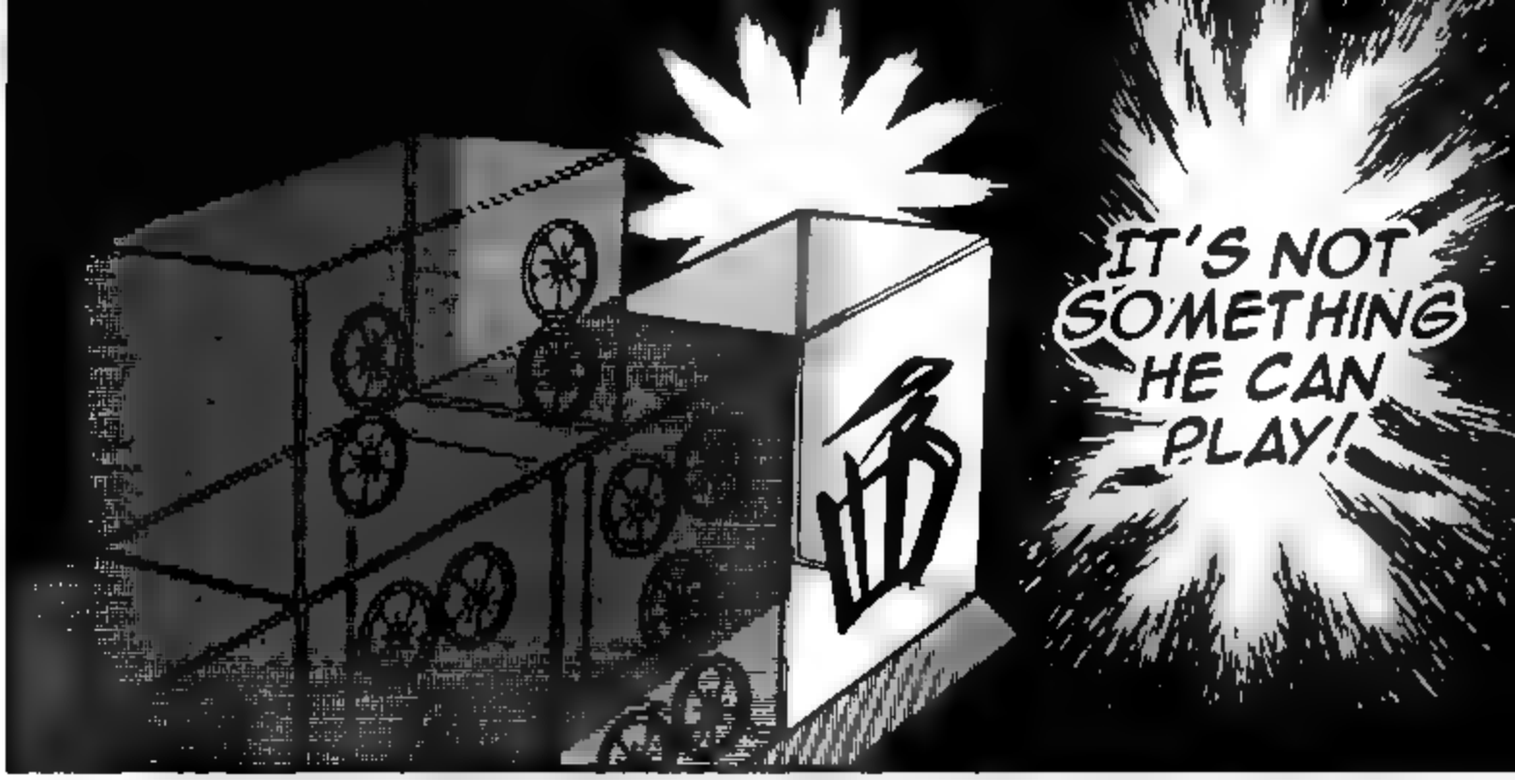
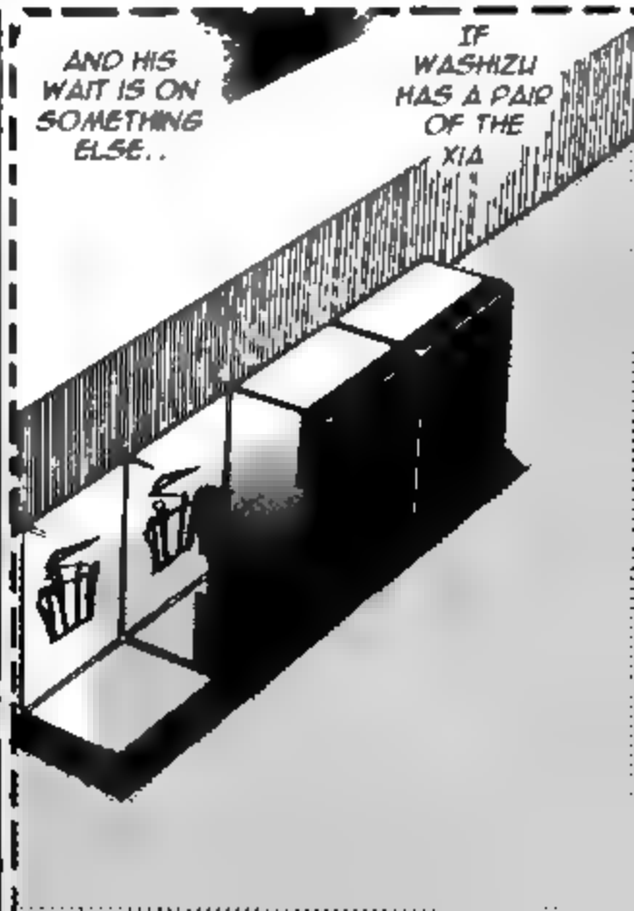
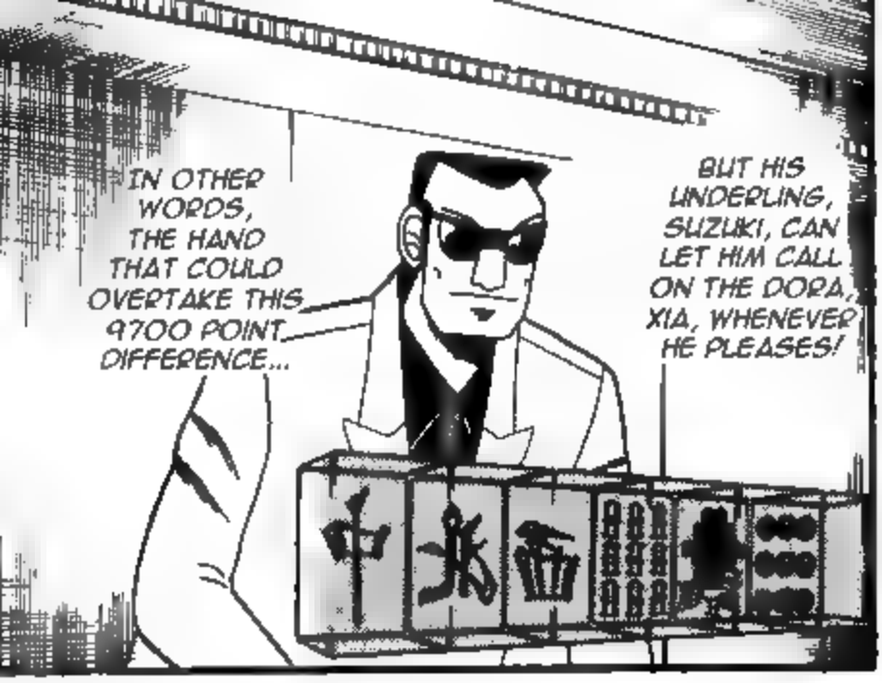

IT'S NOT SOMETHING HE CAN PLAY!

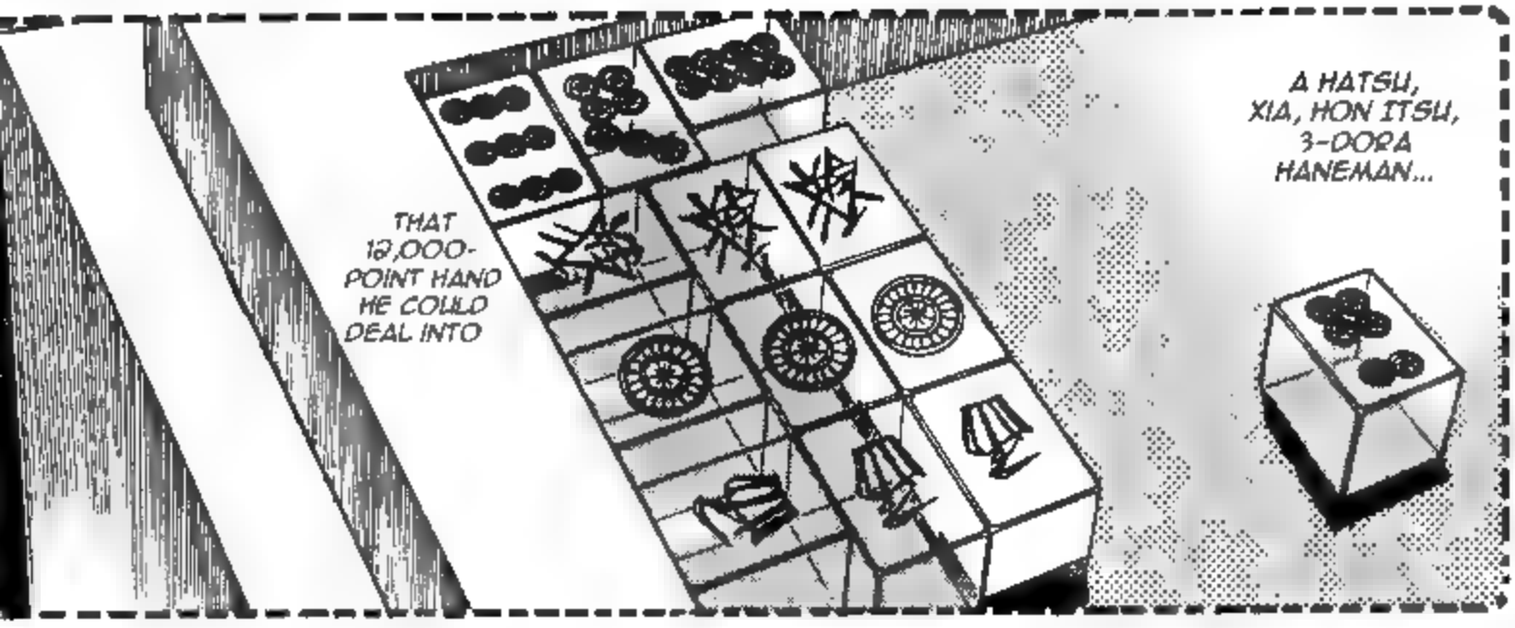
IF IT'S A PAIR
BUT.

WOULD FATALLY DELAY HIS HAND!
AKAGI KEEPING THIS DORA AROUND AND PLAYING SOMETHING ELSE
IT'S SOMETHING HE DOESN'T ABSOLUTELY NEED TO PLAY!

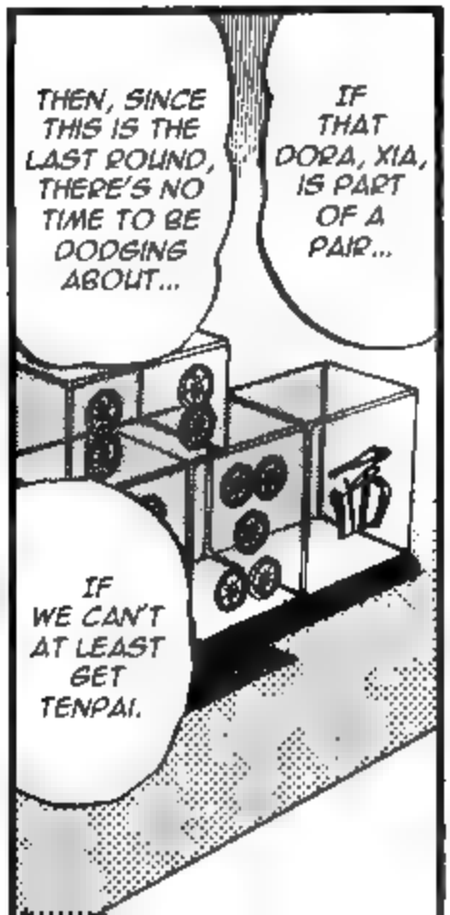

AND HIS WAIT IS ON SOMETHING ELSE..
IF WASHIZU HAS A PAIR OF THE XIA


IN OTHER WORDS, THE HAND THAT COULD OVERTAKE THIS 9700 POINT DIFFERENCE...
BUT HIS UNDERLING, SUZUKI, CAN LET HIM CALL ON THE DORA, XIA, WHENEVER HE PLEASES!

AND NOT ONLY THAT.
WASHIZU'S HAND IS ALMOST CERTAINLY IN TENPAI.

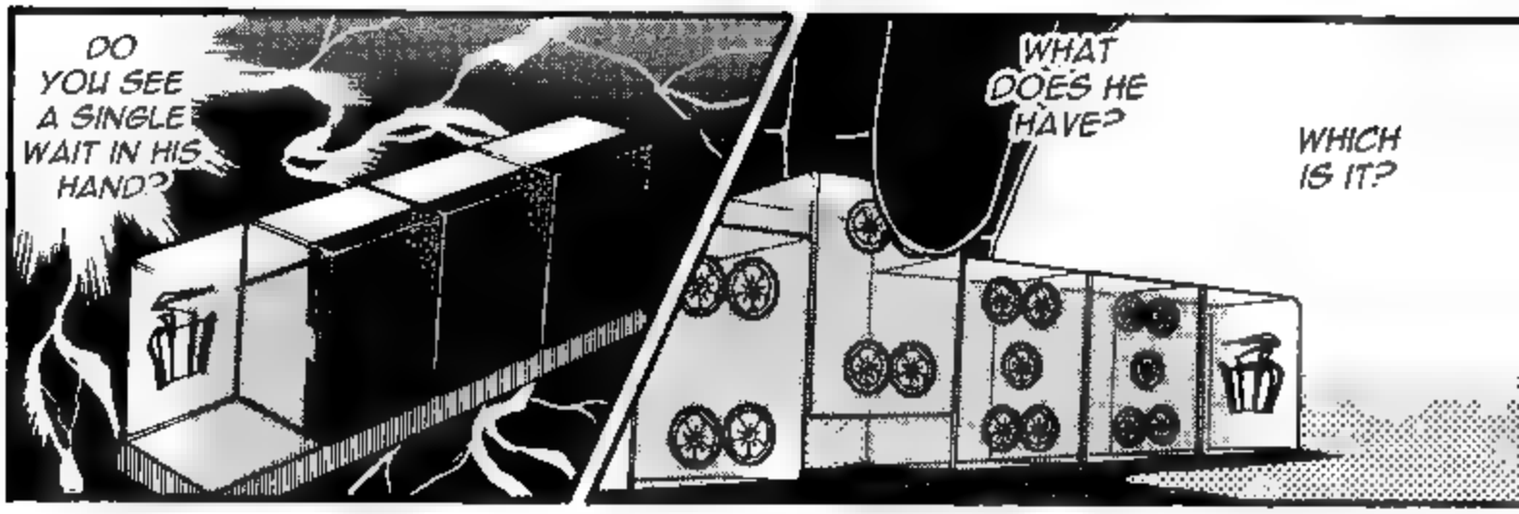

THAT 12,000-POINT HAND HE COULD DEAL INTO
A HATSU, XIA, HON ITSU, 3-DORA HANEMAN...

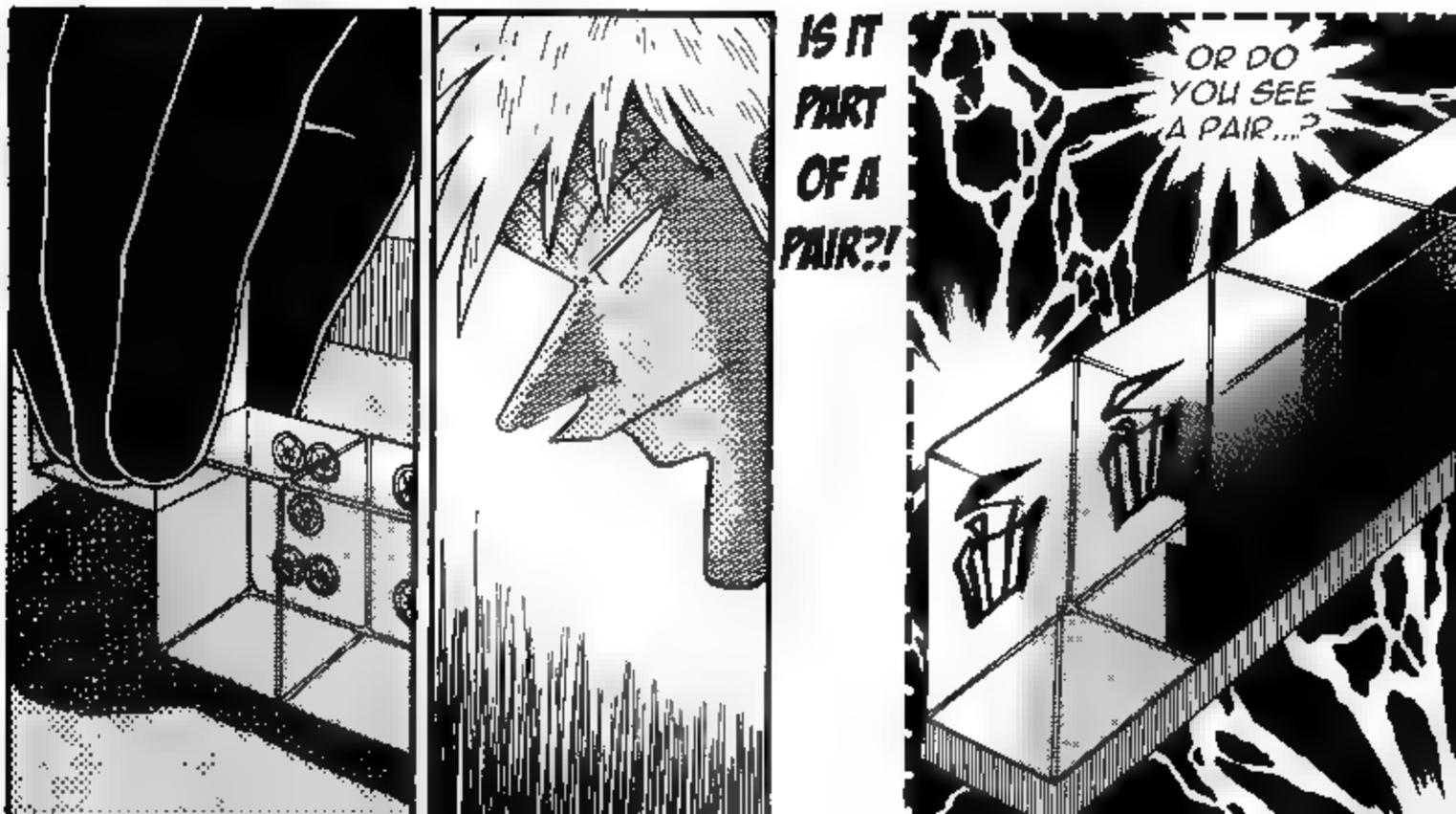
EVEN THE TINY CHANCE WE HAVE NOW WILL BE SNUFFED OUT!
IT WILL BE A FATAL WOUND!

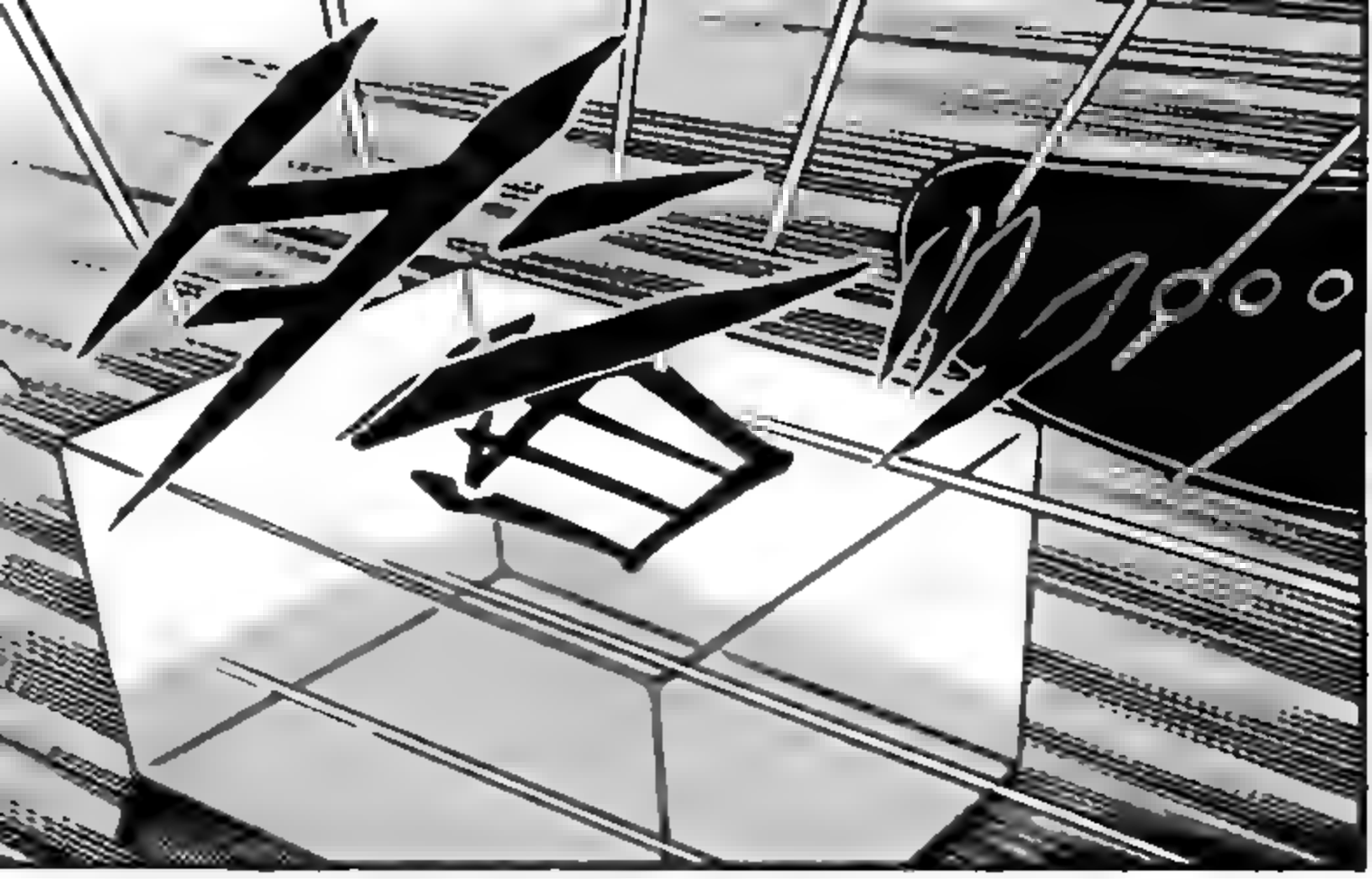

THEN, SINCE THIS IS THE LAST ROUND, THERE'S NO TIME TO BE DODGING ABOUT...
IF THAT DORA, XIA, IS PART OF A PAIR...
IF WE CAN'T AT LEAST GET TENPAI.

IT COULD HAPPEN ANY TURN!
IS WELL WITHIN SIGHT FOR THEM!
SO, THAT SAID...

AKAGI!?

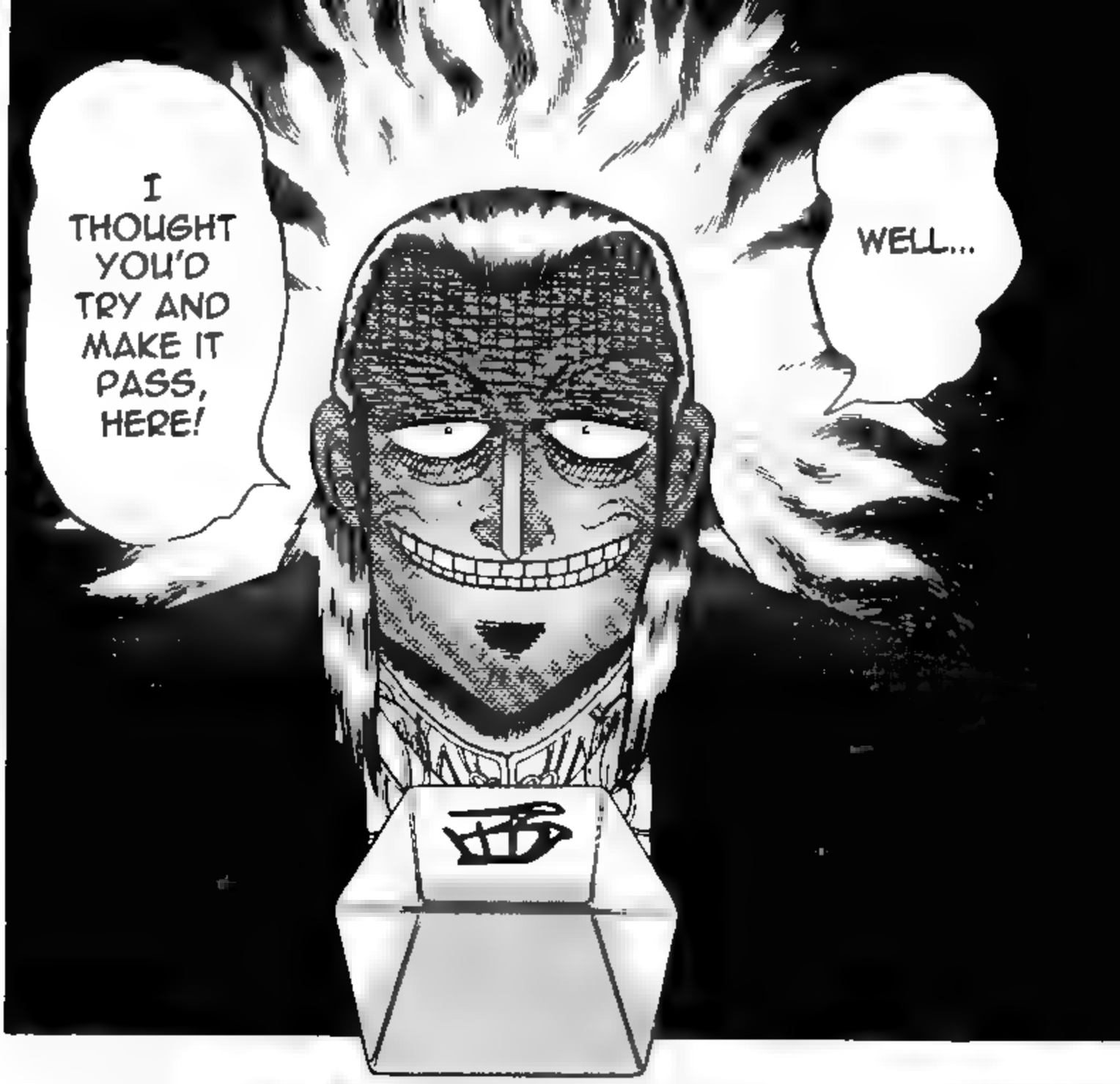

DO YOU SEE A SINGLE WAIT IN HIS HAND?
WHAT DOES HE HAVE?
WHICH IS IT?

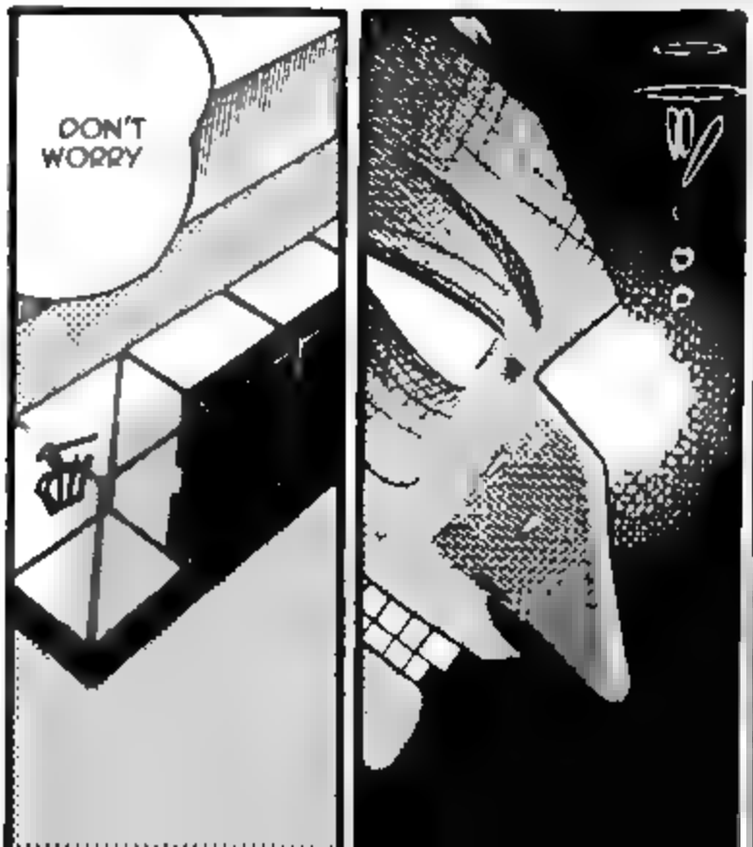

IS IT PART OF A PAIR?!
OR DO YOU SEE A PAIR...?



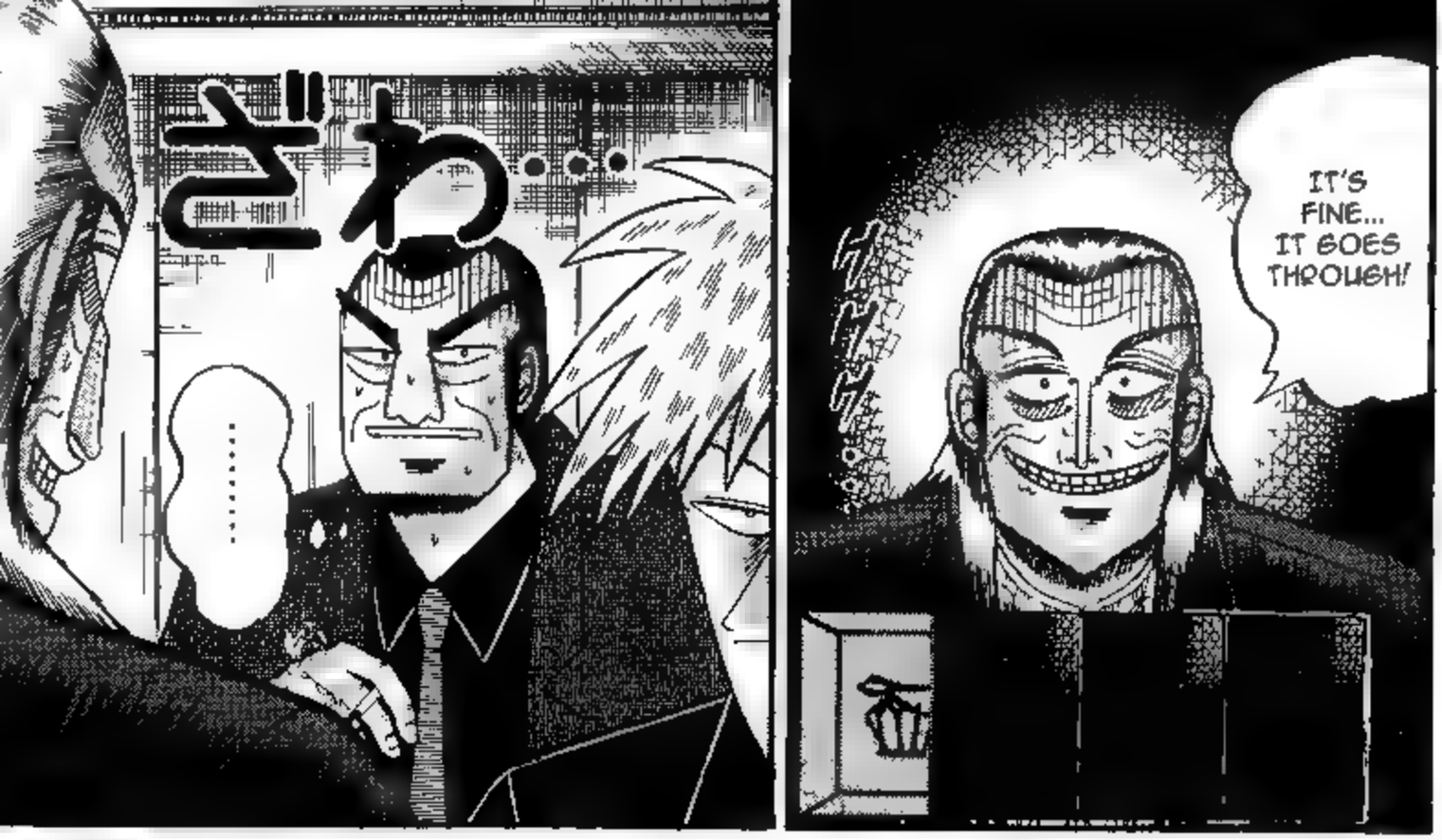
HNGH!

AKAGI'S CONCLU-SION... WAS A PAIR!


I THOUGHT YOU'D TRY AND MAKE IT PASS, HERE!
WELL...


DON'T WORRY

...KHEH-HEH...
WHEN IT CAME DOWN TO IT. WHEN YOU HAD TO DECIDE WHICH IT WAS !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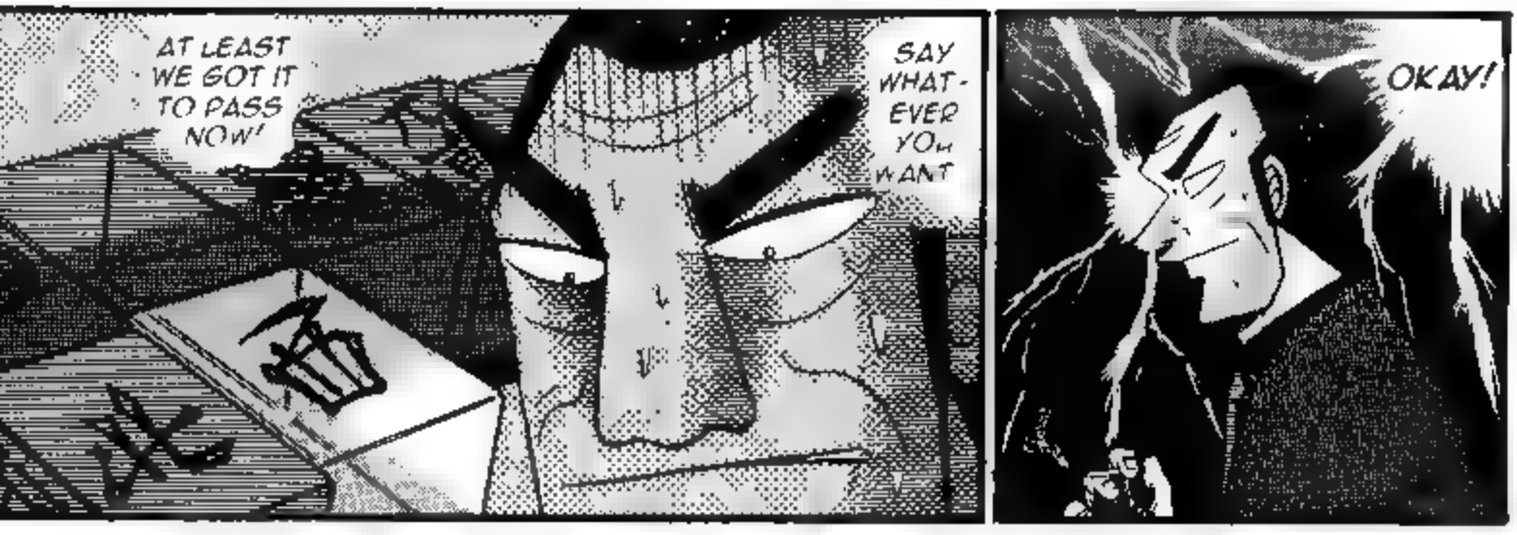
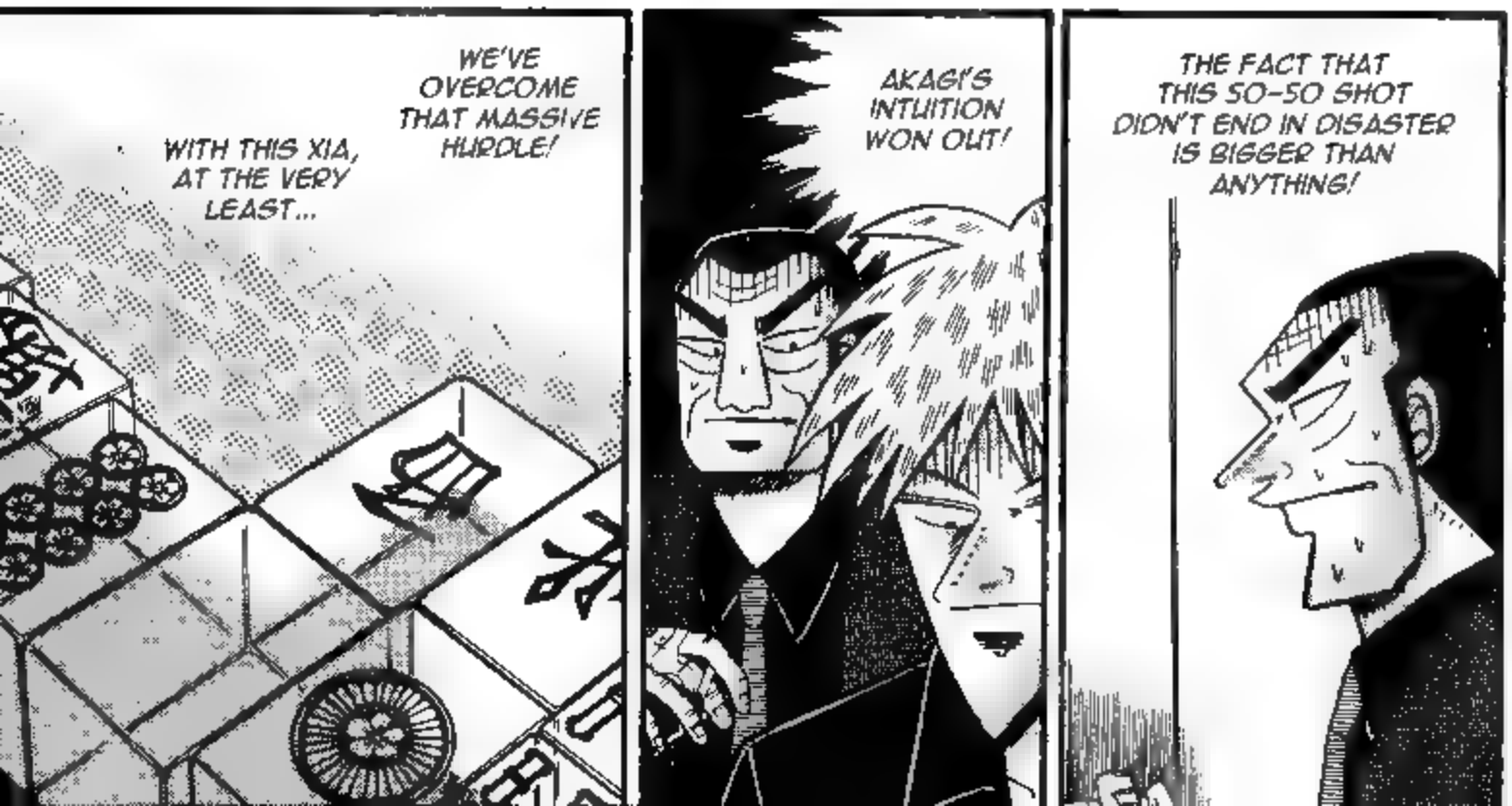
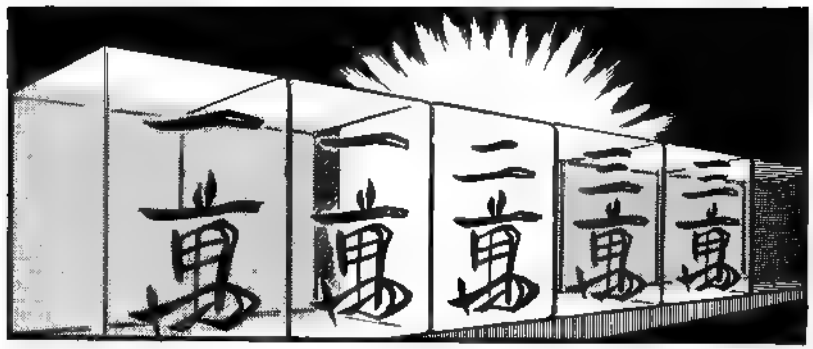
IT'S FINE... IT GOES THROUGH!


AT LEAST WE GOT IT TO PASS NOW!
SAY WHATEVER YOU WANT
OKAY!

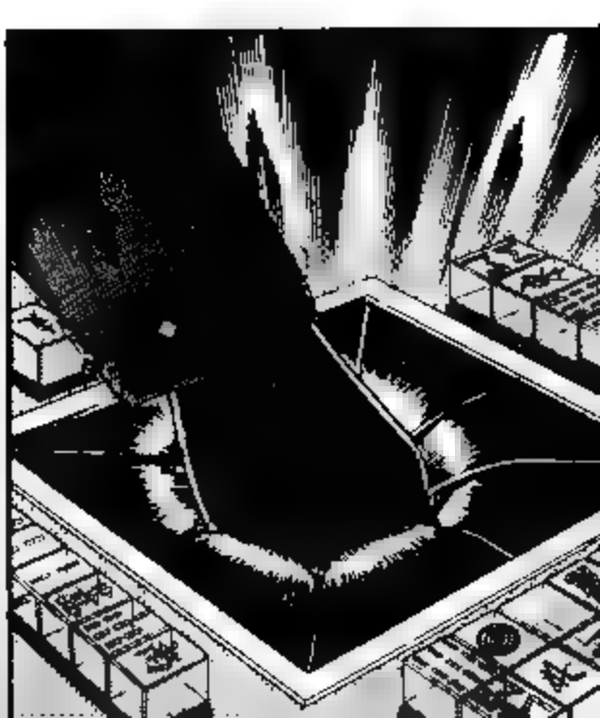

WE'VE OVERCOME THAT MASSIVE HURDLE!
WITH THIS XIA, AT THE VERY LEAST...
AKAGI'S INTUITION WON OUT!
THE FACT THAT THIS 50-50 SHOT DIDN'T END IN DISASTER IS BIGGER THAN ANYTHING!

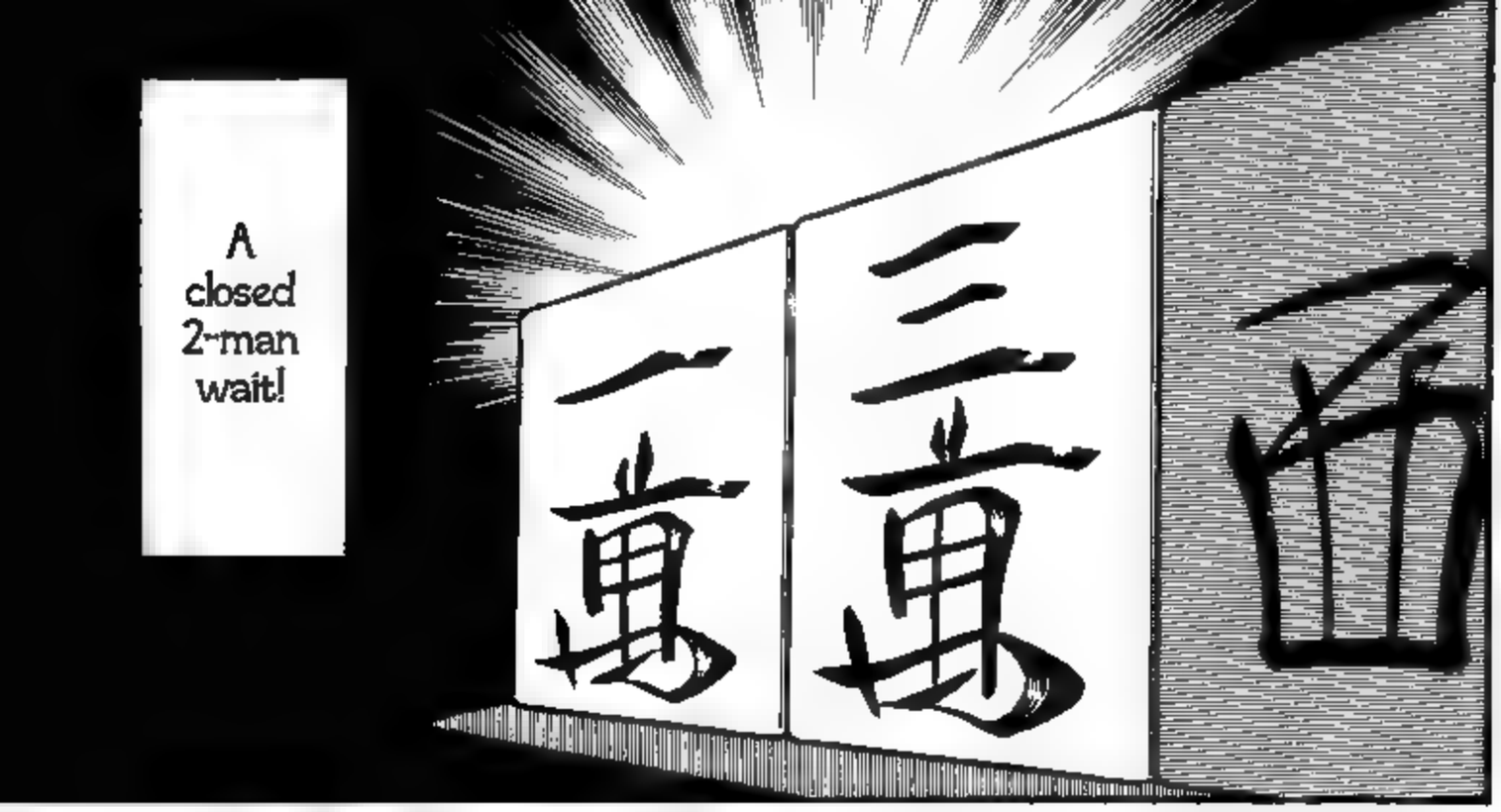


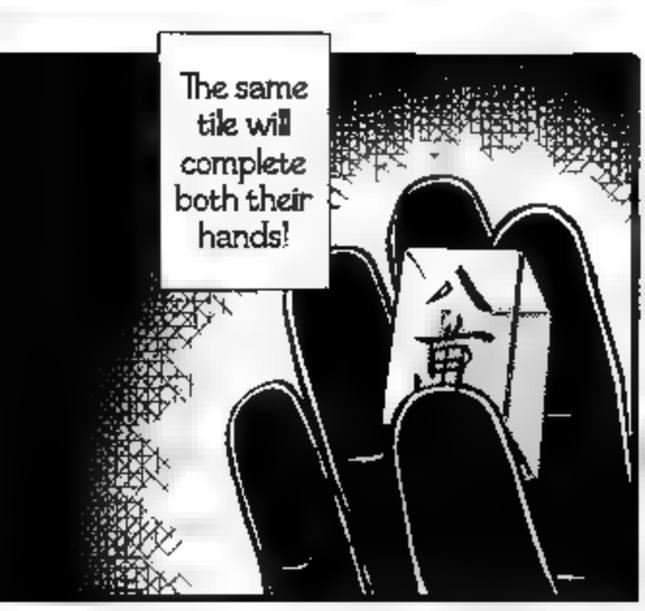
IT'S II PEI KOU, WITH A CLOSED 2-MAN WAIT!

That very wait is...
And as it happens...

Unexpectedly...




A closed 2-man wait!
一萬
三萬

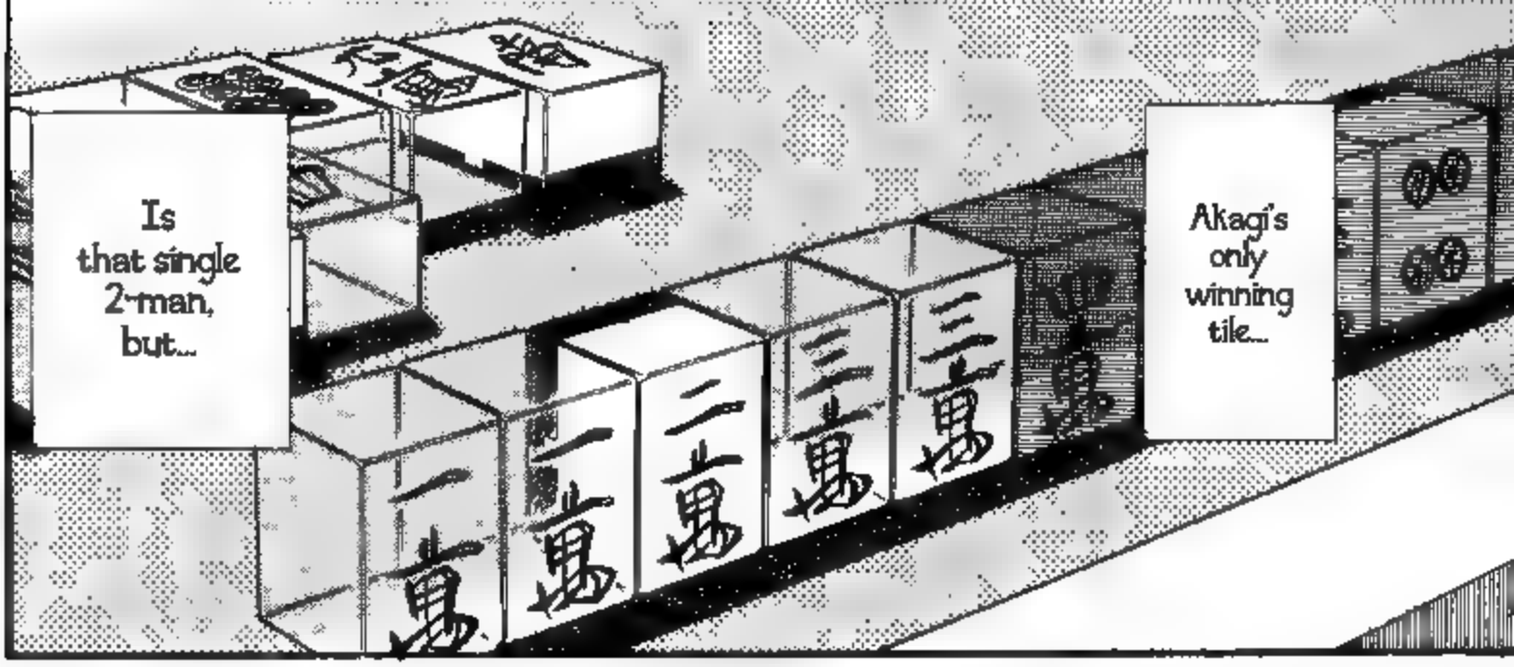

The same tile will complete both their hands!
八萬

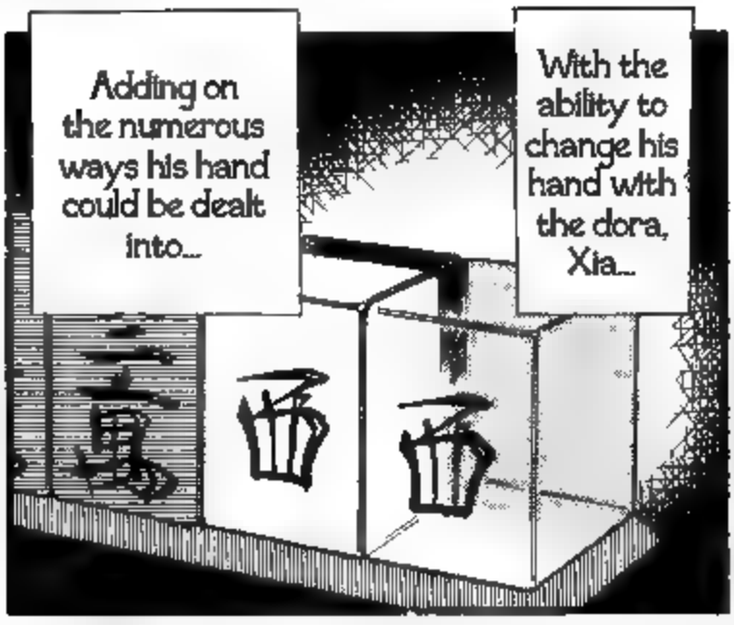
The same wait as Akagi.

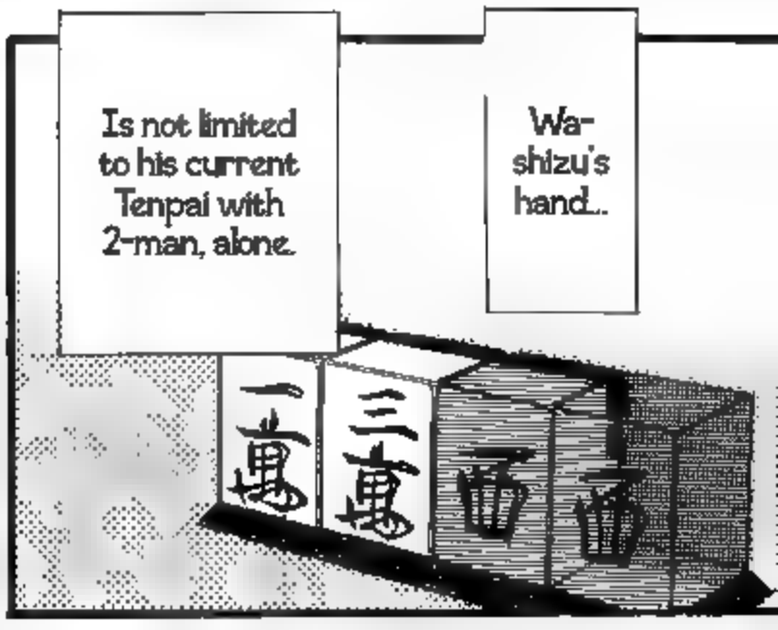
In reality, that could not be further from the truth!

One might be led to believe that they have an equal chance of winning this round, but...
Considering they both have a 2-man wait...

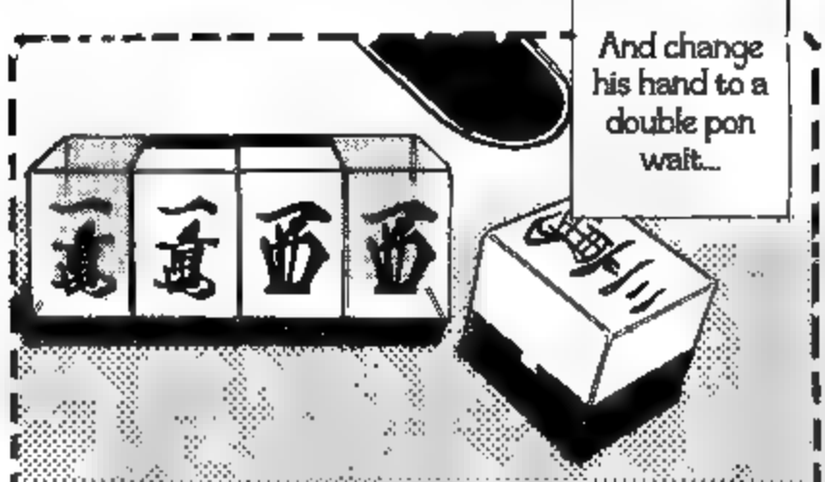
Gigi...


Is that single 2-man, but...
Akagi's only winning tile...

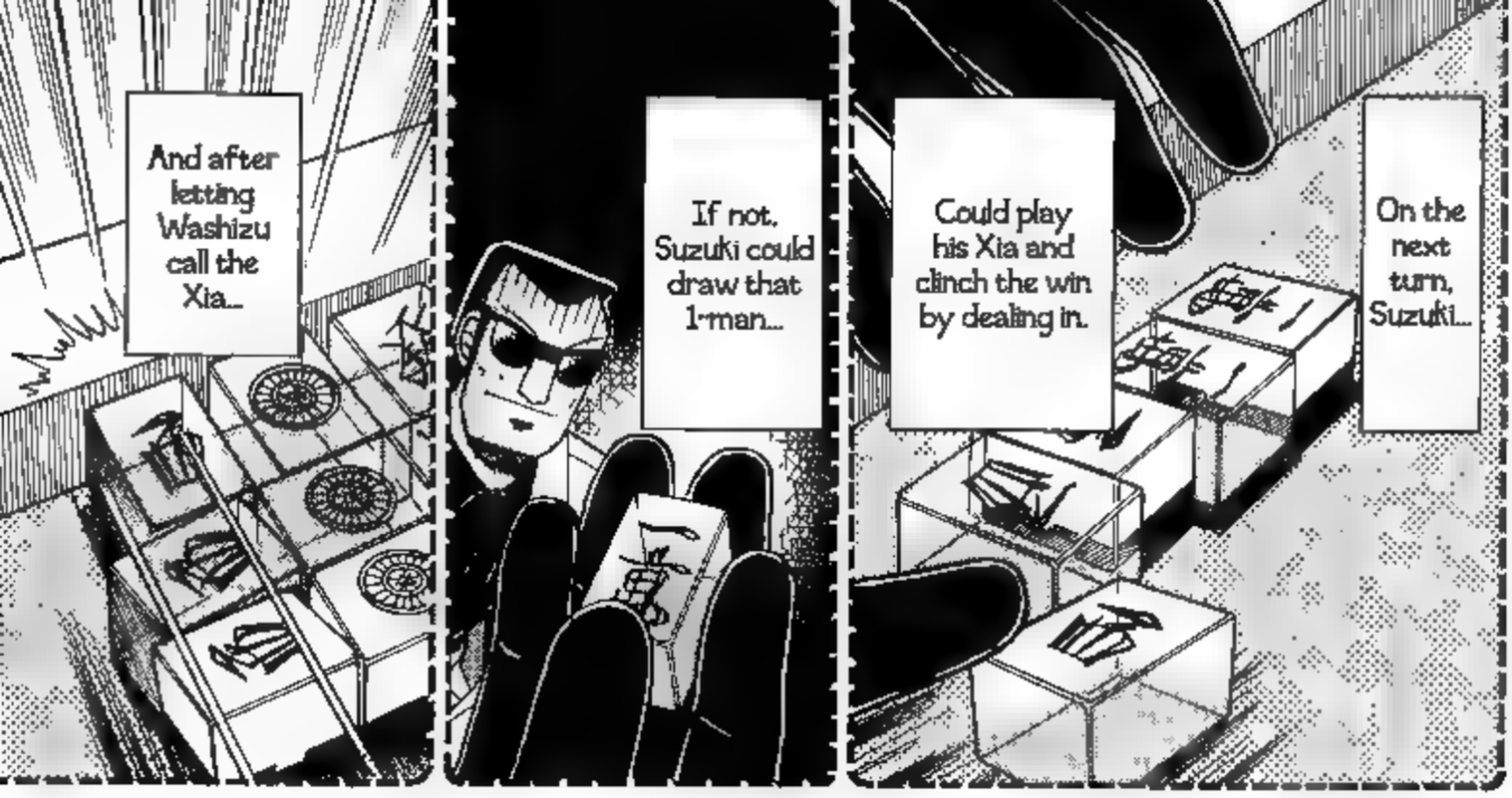

Adding on the numerous ways his hand could be dealt into...
With the ability to change his hand with the dora, Xia...

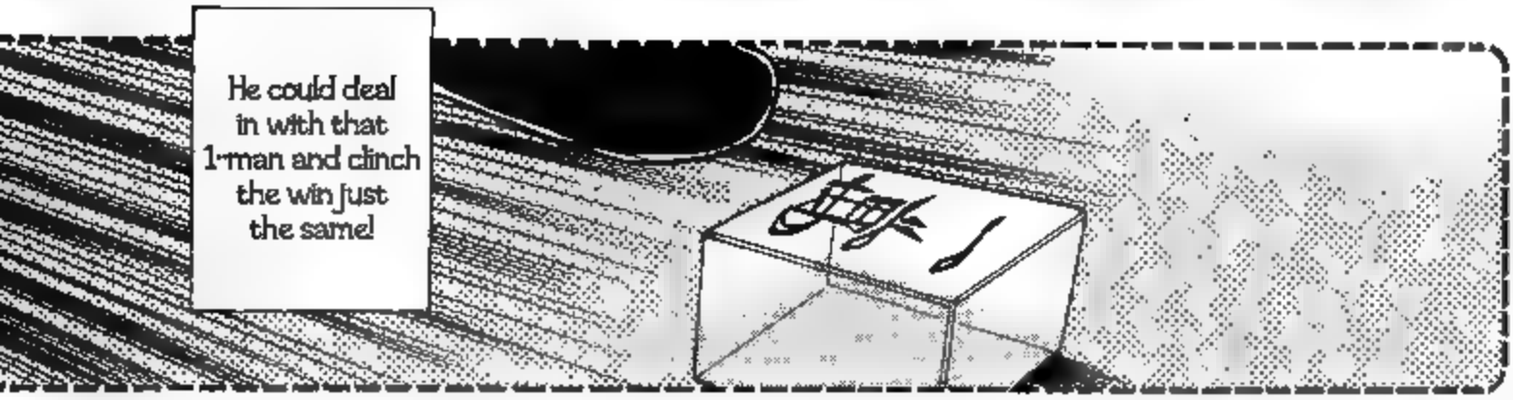

Is not limited to his current Tenpai with 2-man, alone.
Wa-shizu's hand...

For example, if he were to draw in the 1-man here...

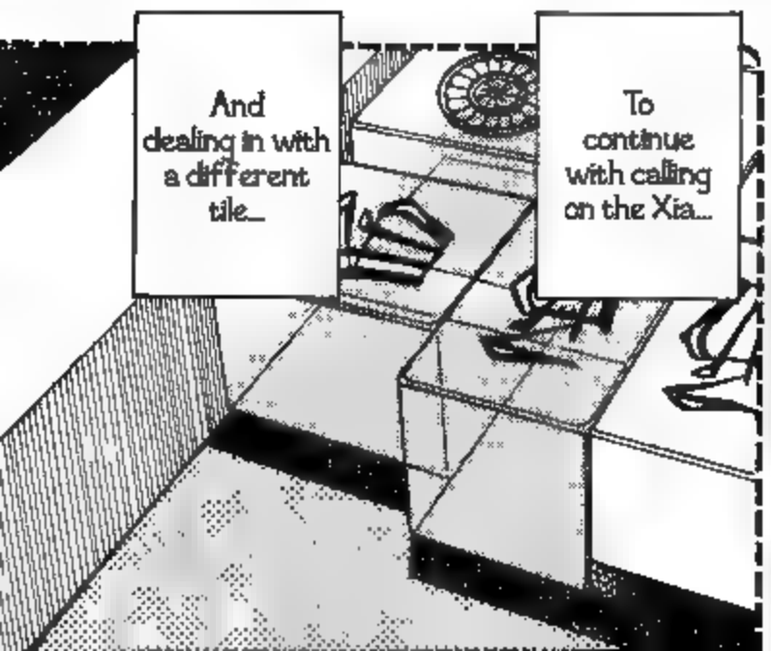

And change his hand to a double pon wait...

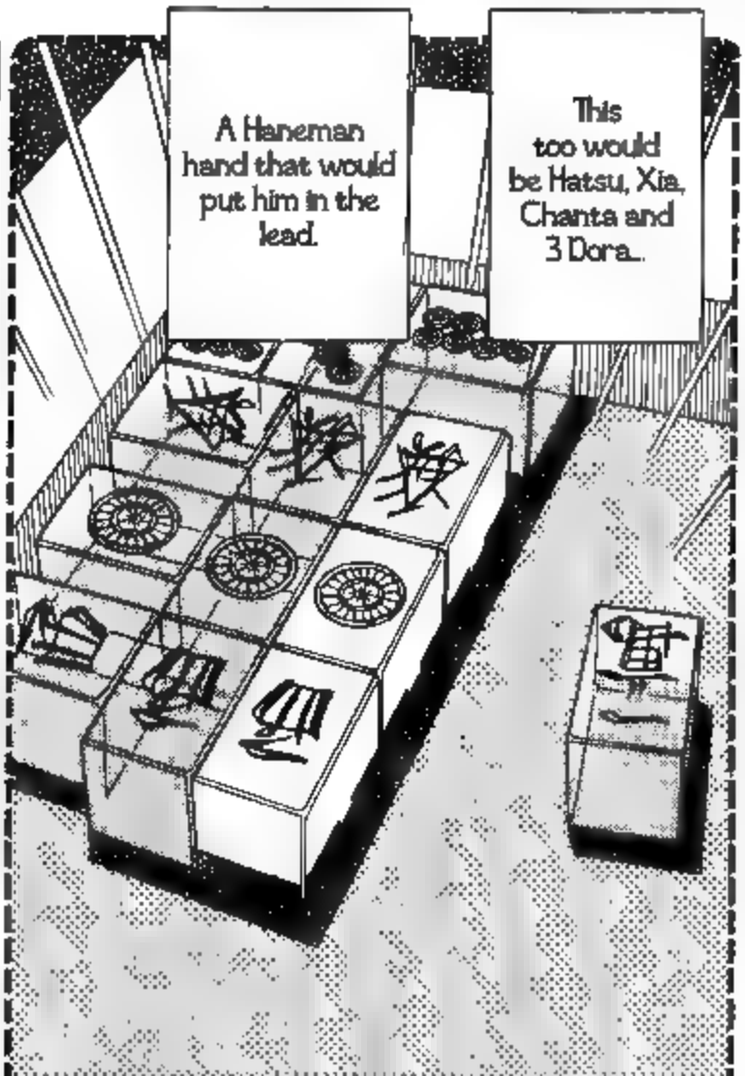
That would allow his hand to win are much larger!
Effec-tively, the tiles he could draw...

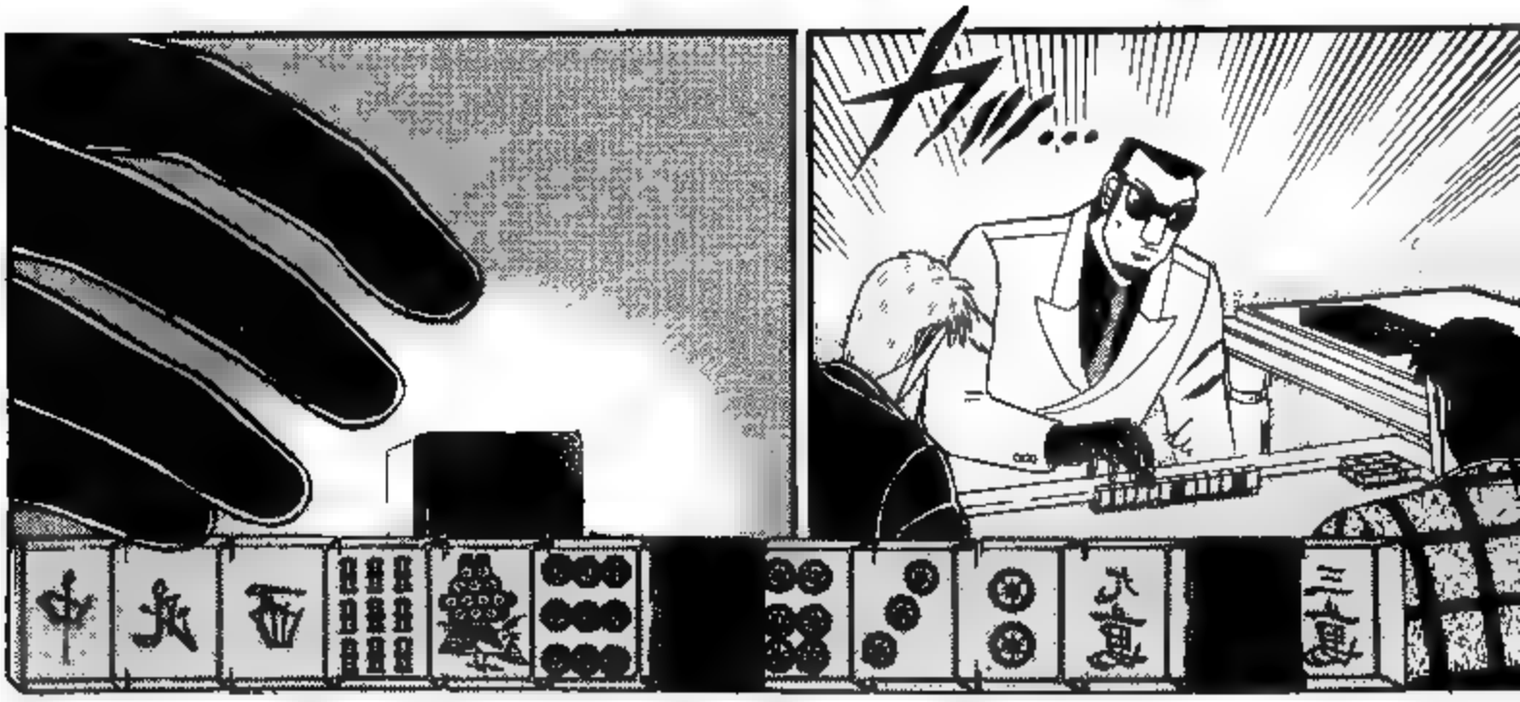

And after letting Washizu call the Xia...
If not, Suzuki could draw that 1-man...
Could play his Xia and clinch the win by dealing in.
On the next turn, Suzuki...


He could deal in with that 1-man and clinch the win just the same!

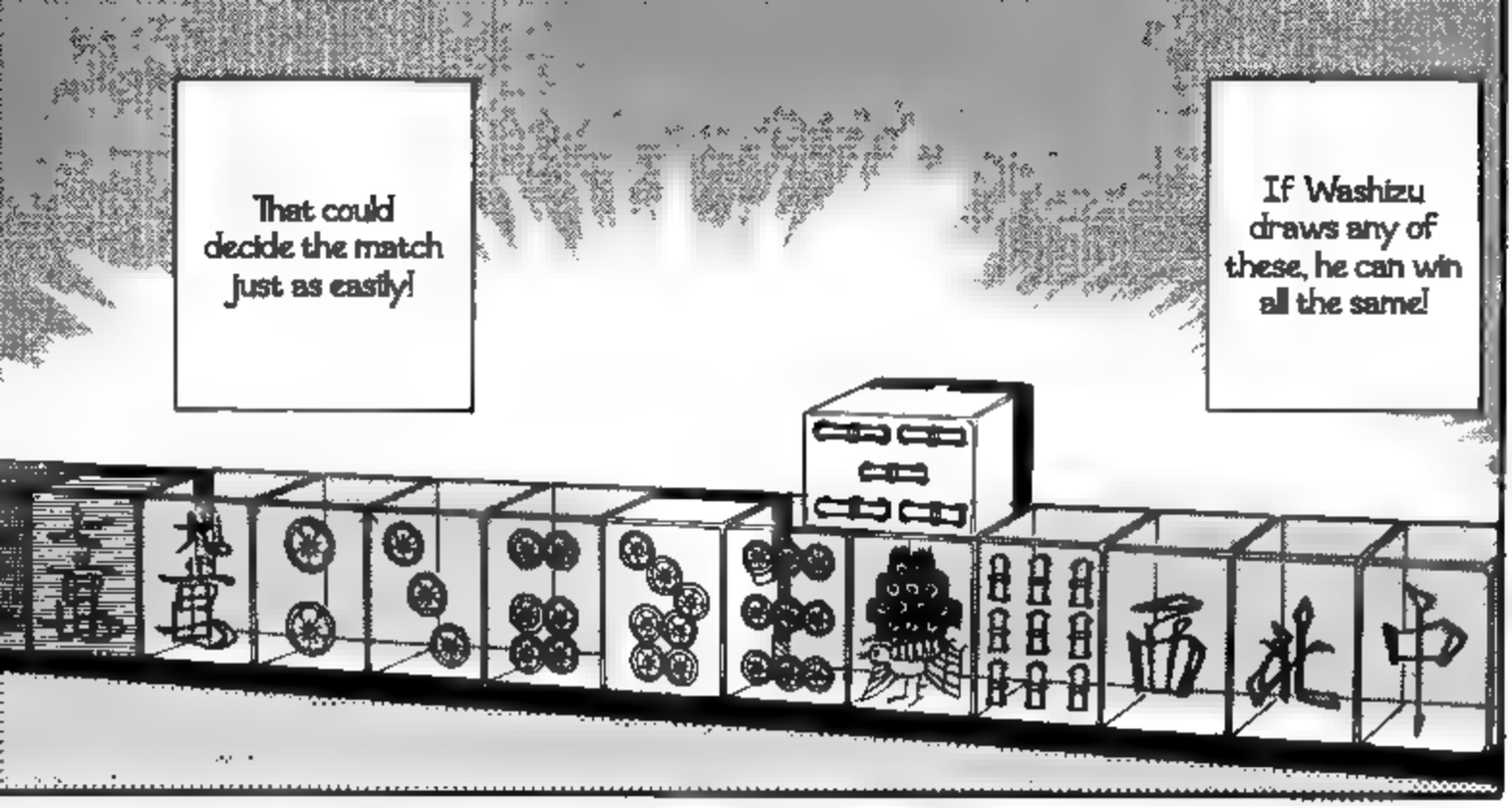
And furthermore...


And dealing in with a different tile...
To continue with calling on the Xia...

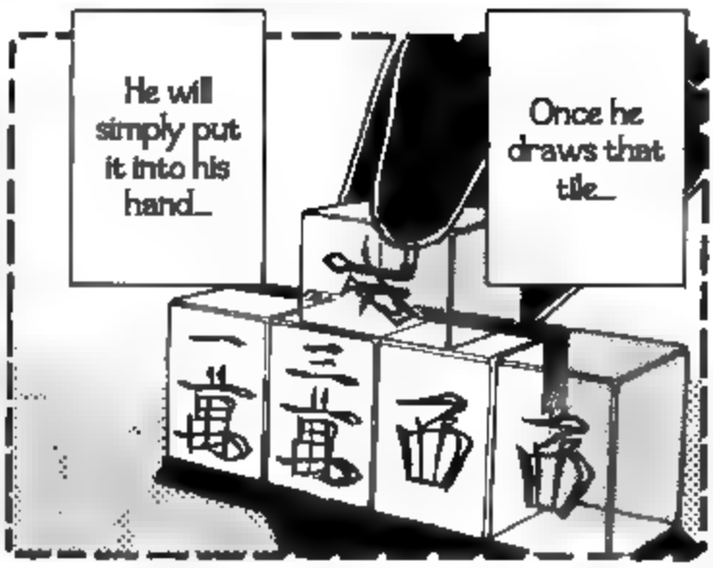

A Haneman hand that would put him in the lead.
This too would be Hatsu, Xia, Chanta and 3 Dora...

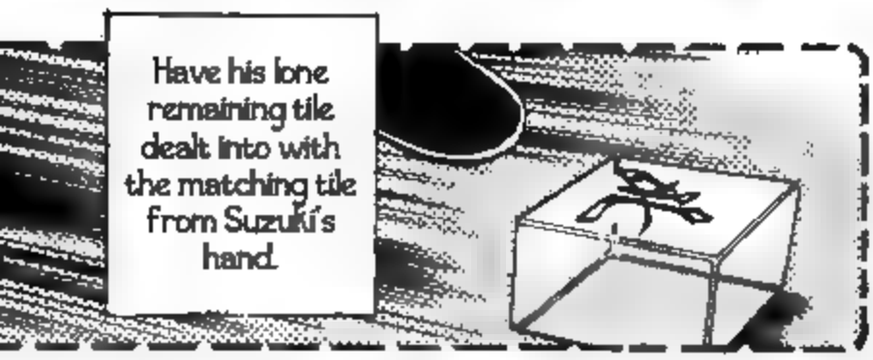


A number of end tiles and Pinzu tiles.
Suzuki's hand contains...

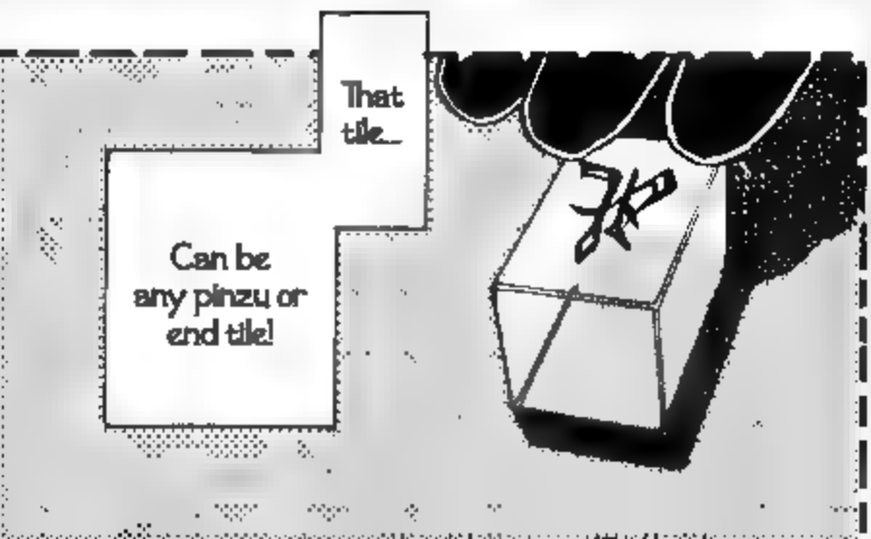

That could decide the match just as easily!
If Washizu draws any of these, he can win all the same!

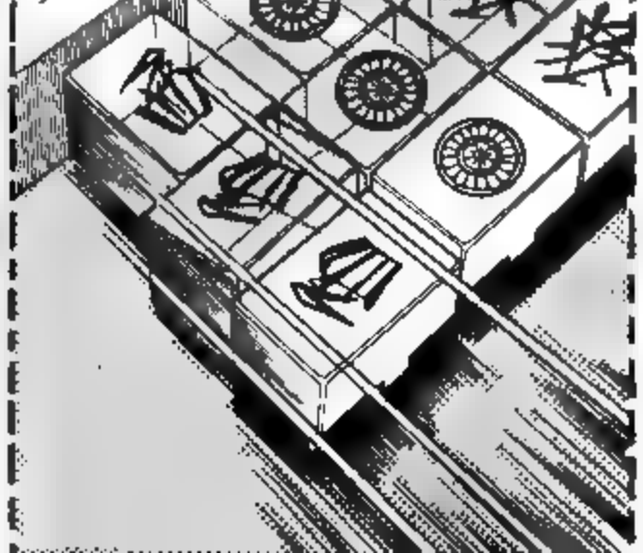
And then_
Discard a Manzu tile_

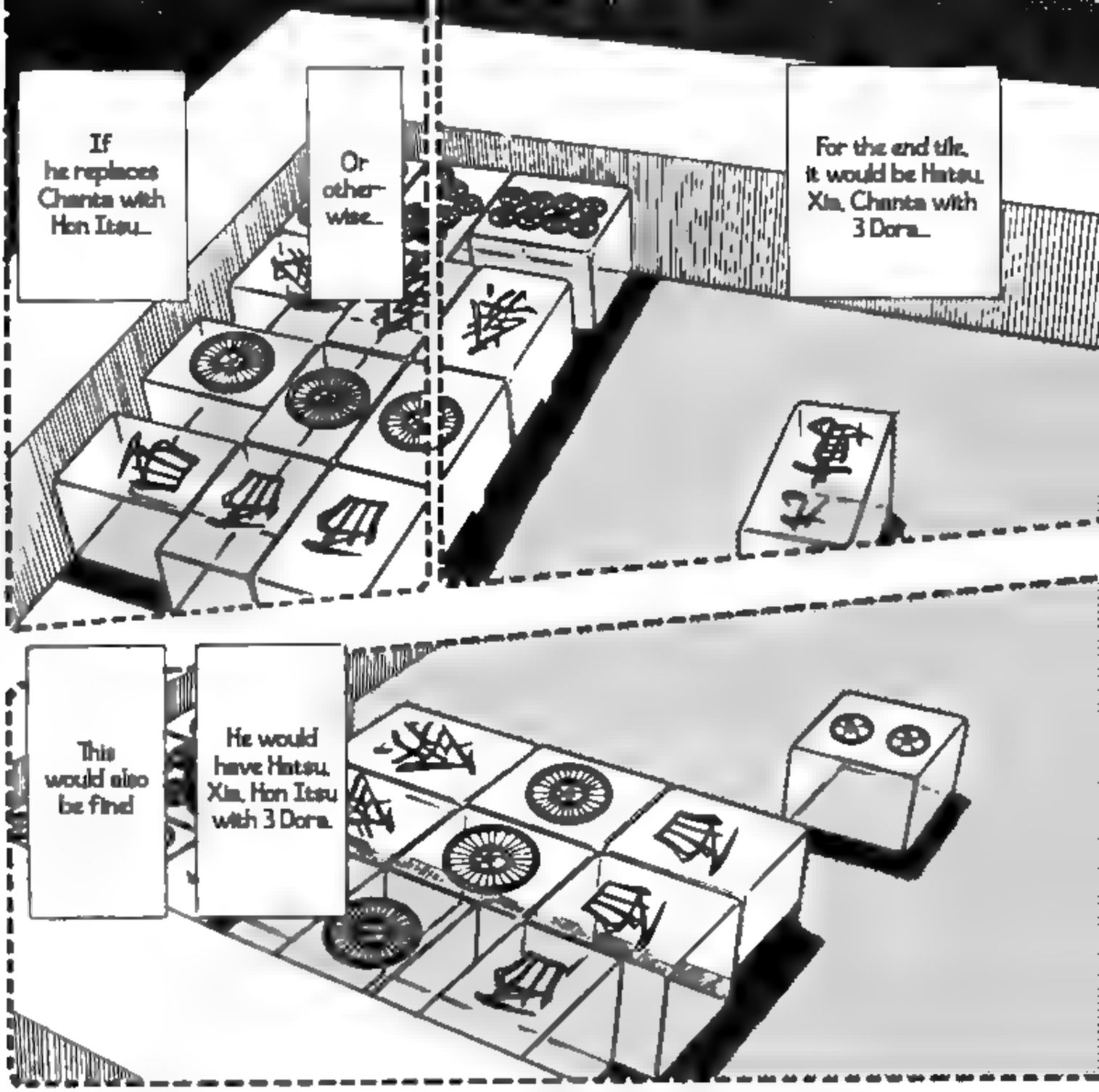

He will simply put it into his hand_
Once he draws that tile_


Have his lone remaining tile dealt into with the matching tile from Suzuki's hand

And finally_
Call on Suzuki's dora, Xia_


That tile_
Can be any pinzu or end tile!



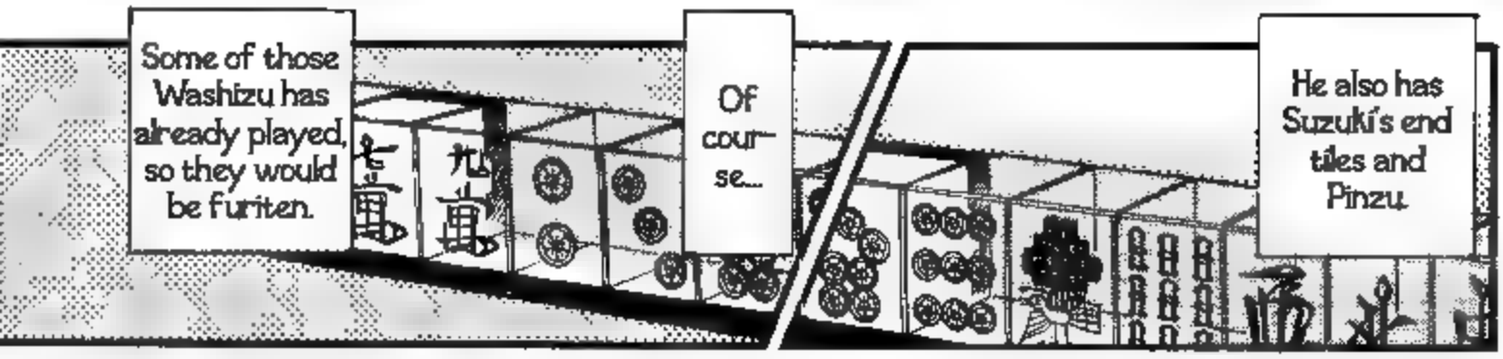

If he replaces Chanta with Hon Itsu...
Or otherwise...
For the end tile, it would be Hatsu, Xia, Chanta with 3 Dora...
This would also be fine!
He would have Hatsu, Xia, Hon Itsu with 3 Dora.

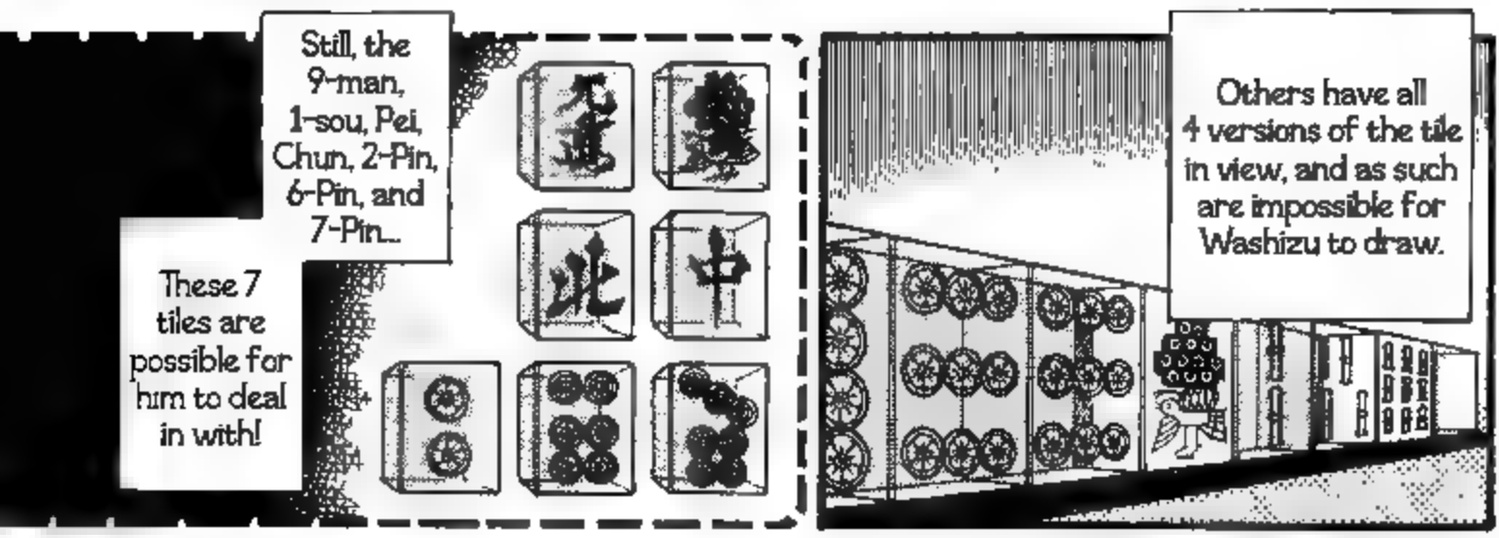
Truly, it is like a bypath!

Effectively gives him many more outs to win!
This ability to call on the Xia whenever he wants...

Both hands would reach Haneman!
Either way, Suzuki could overcome the point difference by dealing in.

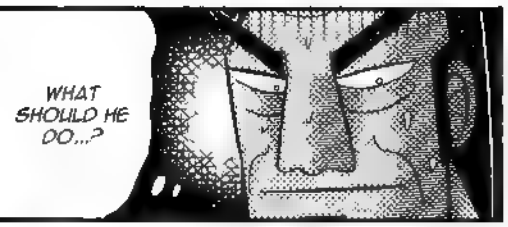
Is not just on 2-man and 1-man.
Washizu's wait...


Some of those Washizu has already played, so they would be furiten.
Of cour-se...
He also has Suzuki's end tiles and Pinzu.

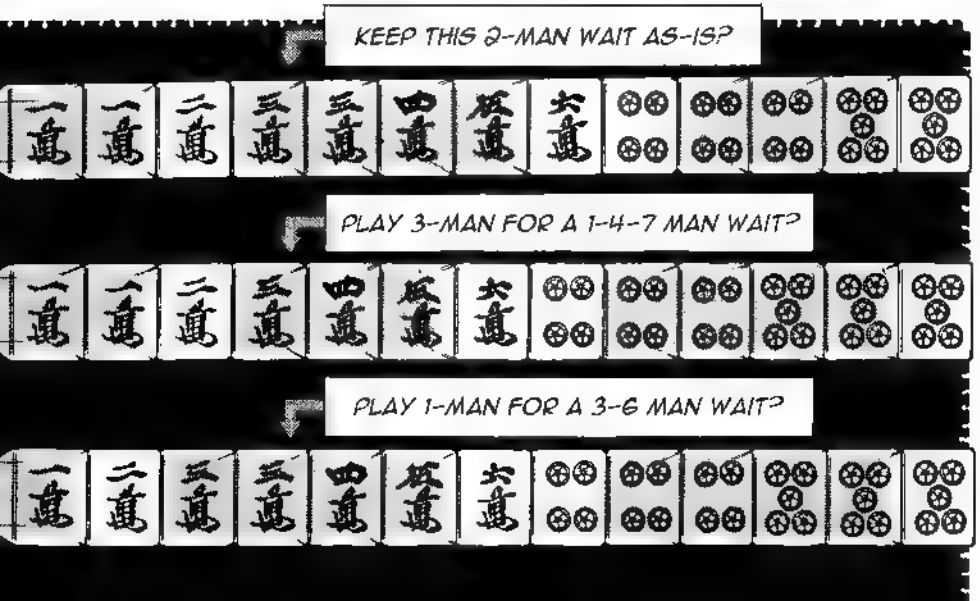

Still, the 9-man, 1-sou, Pei, Chun, 2-Pin, 6-Pin, and 7-Pin...
These 7 tiles are possible for him to deal in with!
Others have all 4 versions of the tile in view, and as such are impossible for Washizu to draw.

Only this closed 2-man!
While on the other hand, Akagi has only one.
His wait is actually on 9 different tiles!
In other words, adding on the 2-man and 1-man...

AKAGI IS AT A TREMENDOUS DISADVAN-TAGE!!
A TREMENDOUS DIFFERENCE!


WHAT SHOULD HE DO...?

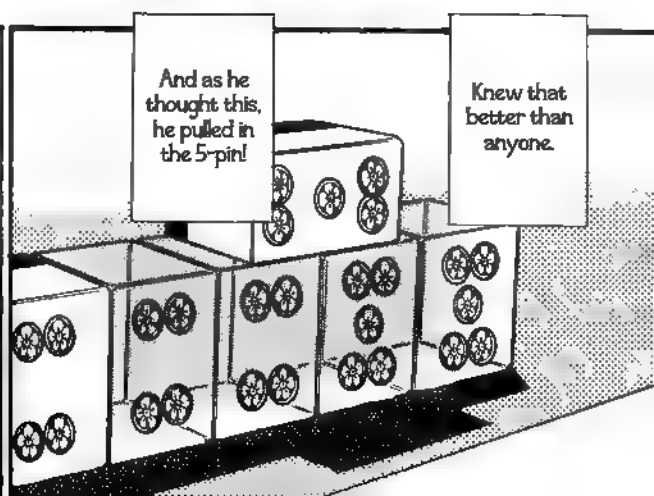
HE GOT IT...


KEEP THIS 2-MAN WAIT AS-IS?
PLAY 3-MAN FOR A 1-4-7 MAN WAIT?
PLAY 1-MAN FOR A 3-6 MAN WAIT?

Akagi himself...
Akagi had not caught up in the slightest!

He had not caught up at all.

.....
He gets a chance to change his hand.


And as he thought this, he pulled in the 5-pin!
Knew that better than anyone.

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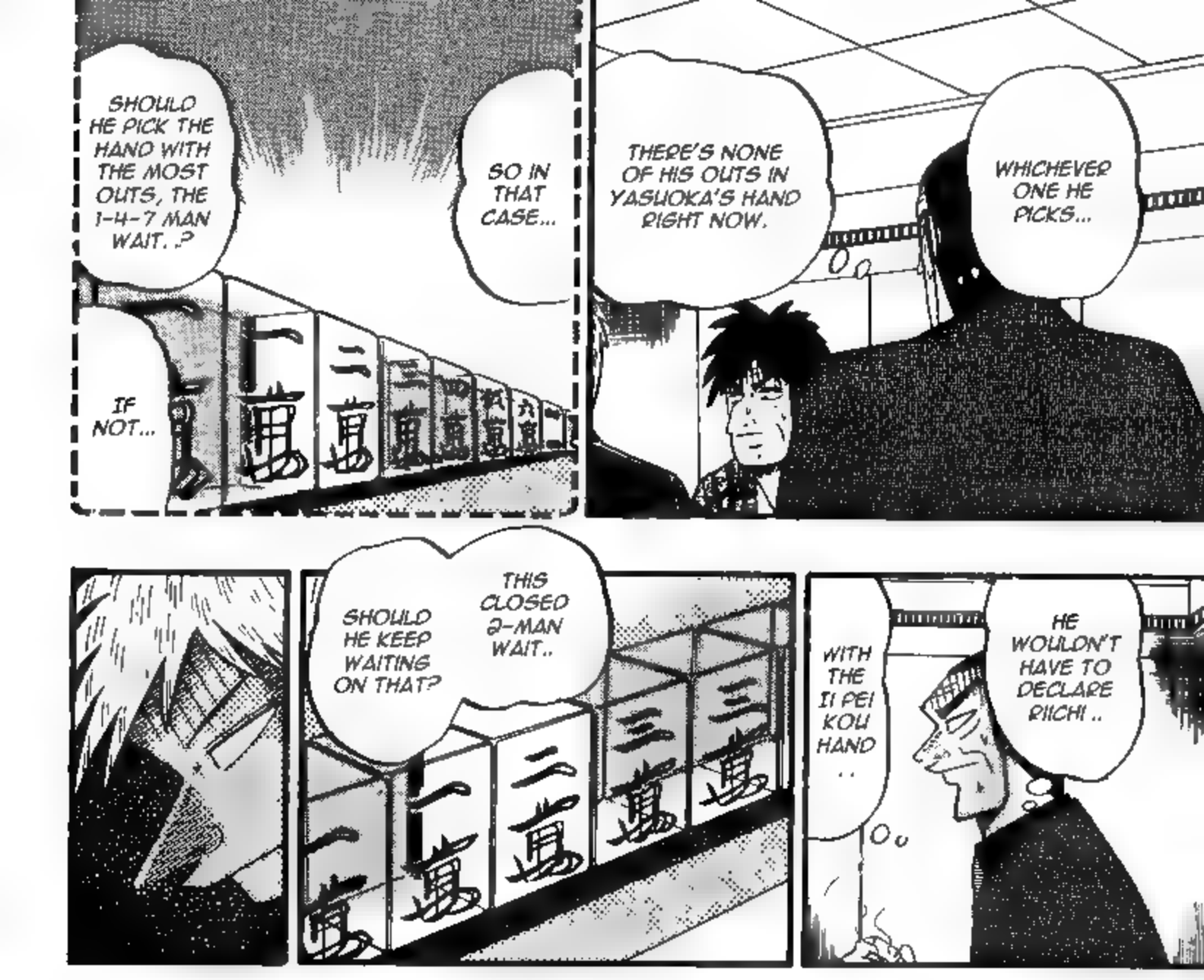
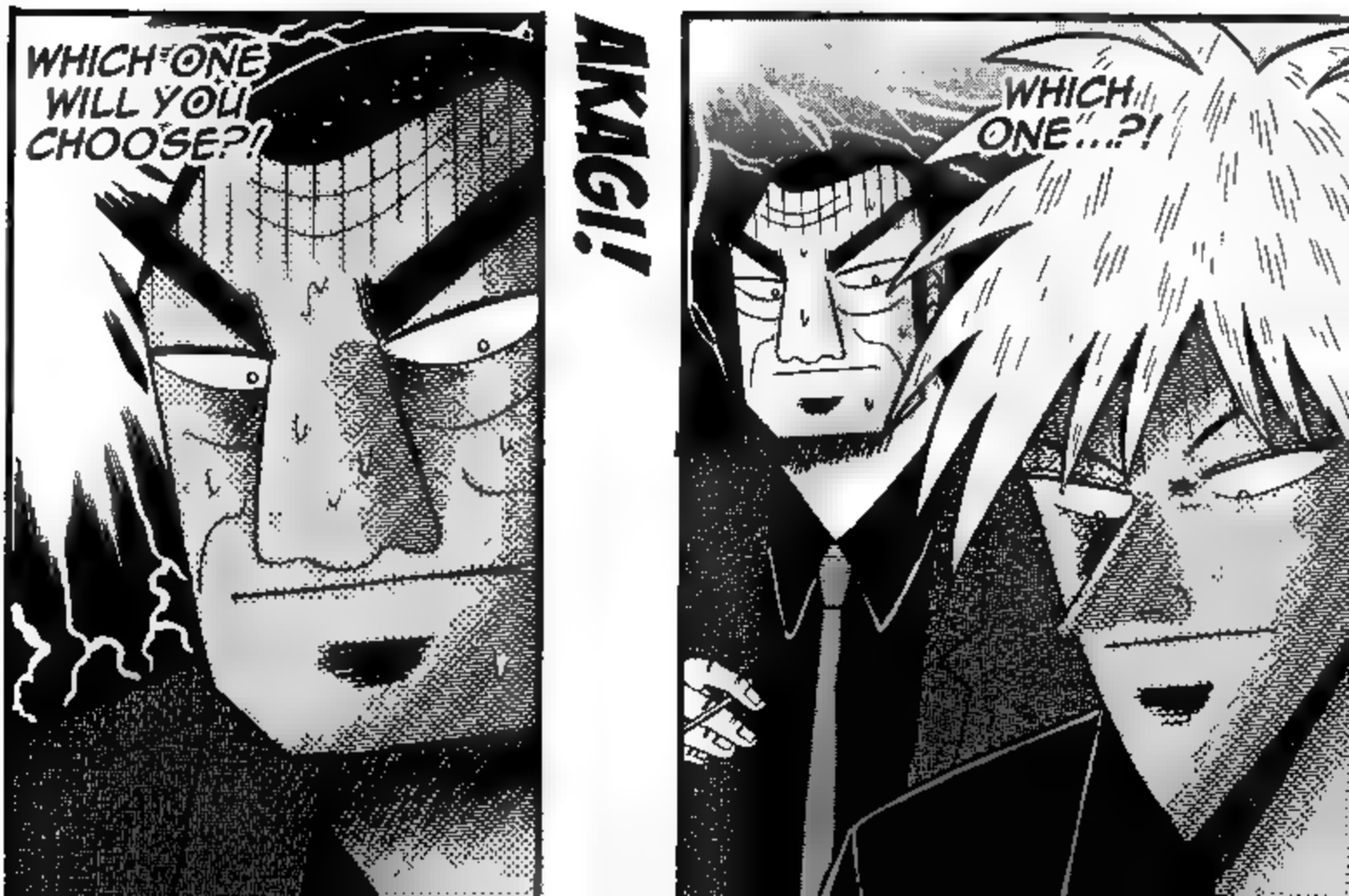

SHOULD HE PICK THE HAND WITH THE MOST OUTS, THE 1-4-7 MAN WAIT..?
SO IN THAT CASE...
IF NOT...
THERE'S NONE OF HIS OUTS IN YASUOKA'S HAND RIGHT NOW.
WHICHEVER ONE HE PICKS...

SHOULD HE KEEP WAITING ON THAT?
THIS CLOSED 2-MAN WAIT..
WITH THE II PEI KOU HAND..
HE WOULDN'T HAVE TO DECLARE RIICHI..


WHICH ONE WILL YOU CHOOSE?!
AKAGI!
WHICH ONE...?!

CHAPTER 89
DECLARATION
第89話 宣言

ざわ…
ざわ…

Akagi had been leading Washizu by 9200 points...
At the end of the South 3rd Round of the 2nd Session...

Thinking back...
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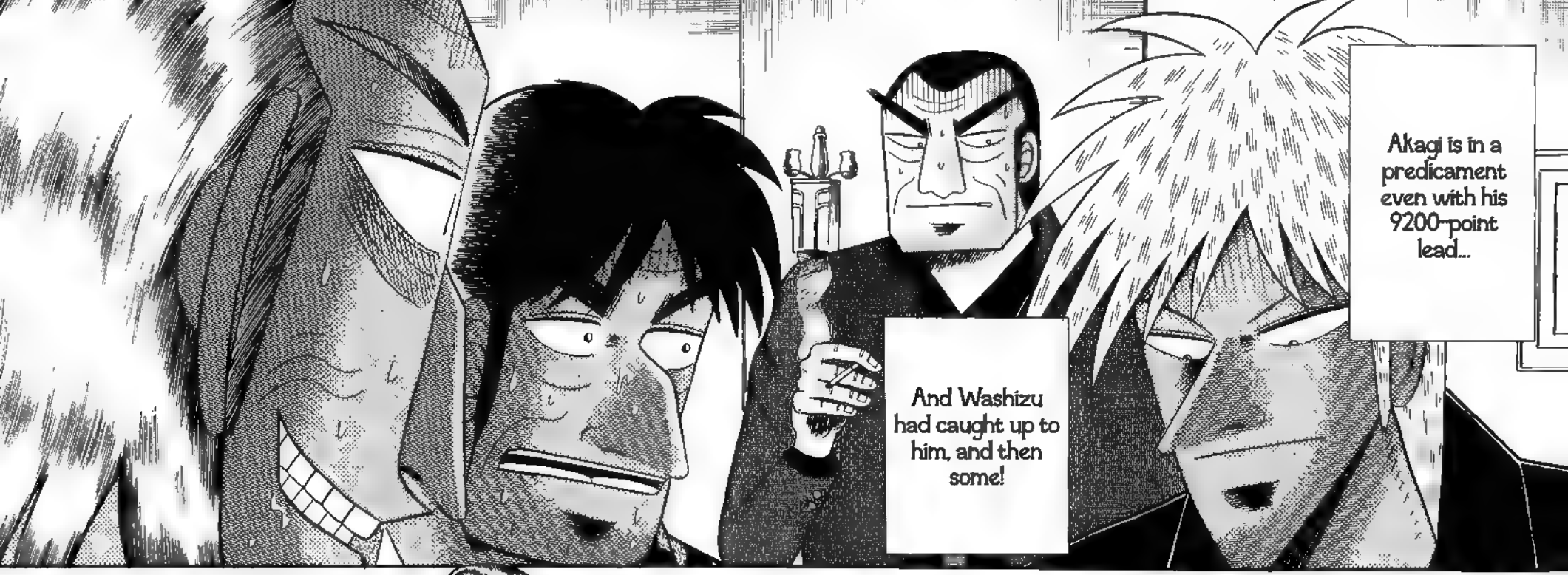
Oo

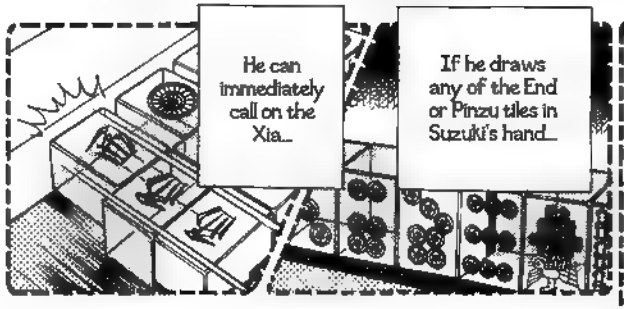
How-ever...
It seemed easy for him to escape in first place.
So it seemed almost assured that Akagi would be victorious in the 2nd session.

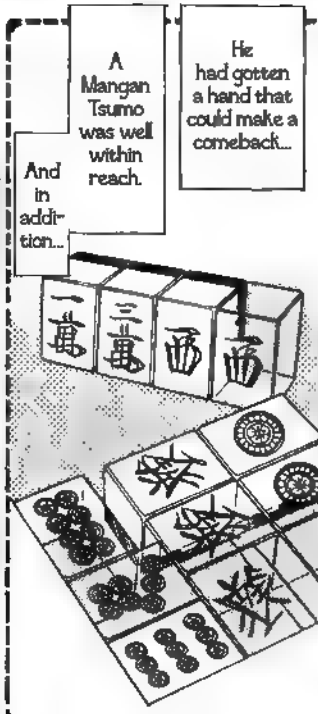
Just by having a single Dora, Xia, wedged in...
From the starting hands of the final round...
That was proven to be nothing more than an illusion.
It became a hard fight.
That naive contrivance was easily overturned.
The two of their positions have been flipped 180 degrees!
Right now...
Washizu and Akagi


Akagi is in a predicament even with his 9200-point lead...
And Washizu had caught up to him, and then some!

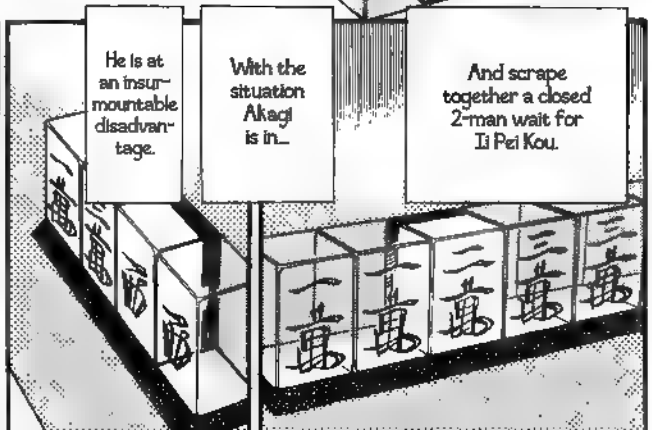
Akagi only just managed to make his Dora, Xia, pass...
And on the other hand...

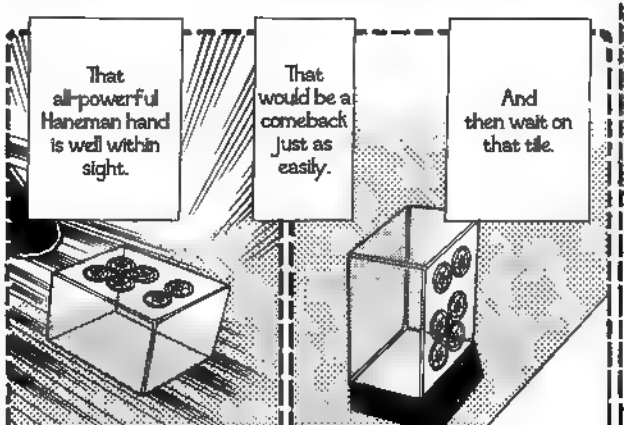
He has a multitude of different tiles that would win the hand for him.
Truly, his hand could not be better.

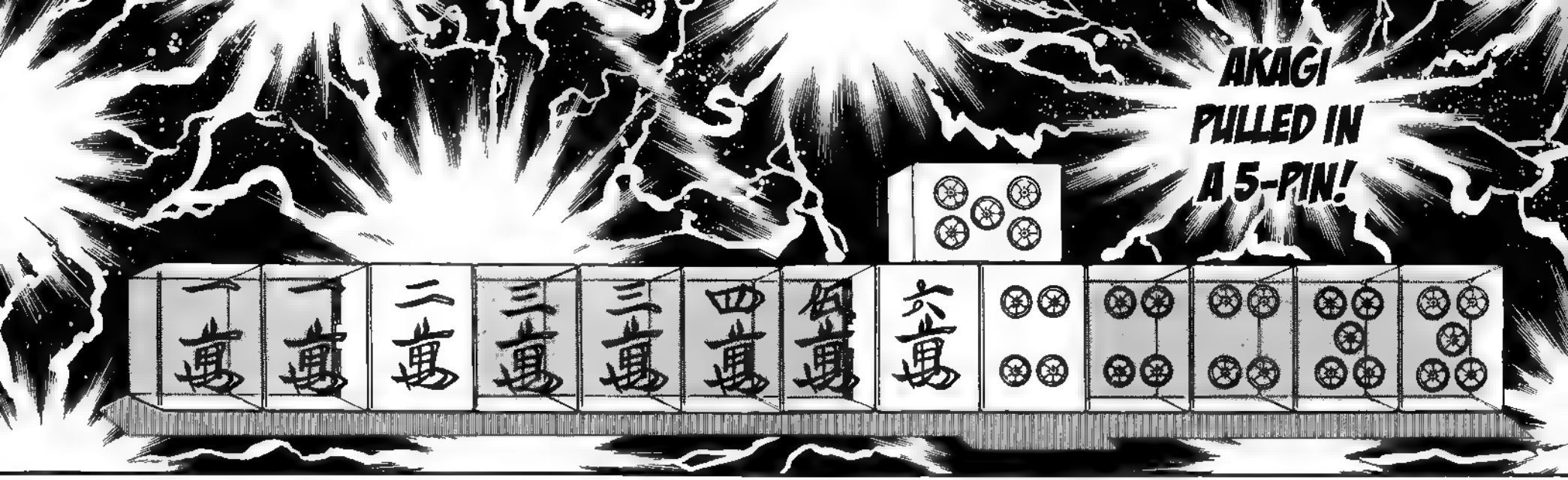

He can immediately call on the Xia...
If he draws any of the End or Pinzu tiles in Suzuki's hand...

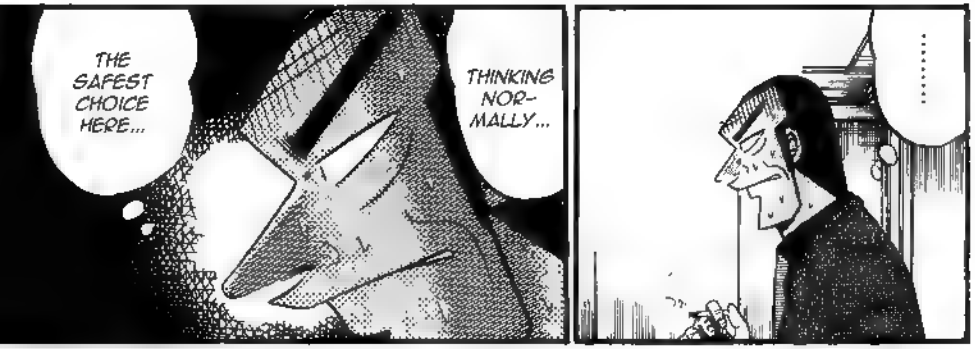

And in addition...
A Mangan Tsumo was well within reach.
He had gotten a hand that could make a comeback...

And on the next turn...


He is at an insurmountable disadvantage.
With the situation Akagi is in...
And scrape together a closed 2-man wait for Ii Pei Kou.


That all-powerful Haneman hand is well within sight.
That would be a comeback just as easily.
And then wait on that tile.


AKAGI PULLED IN A 5-PIN!


THE SAFEST CHOICE HERE...
THINKING NOR-MALLY...
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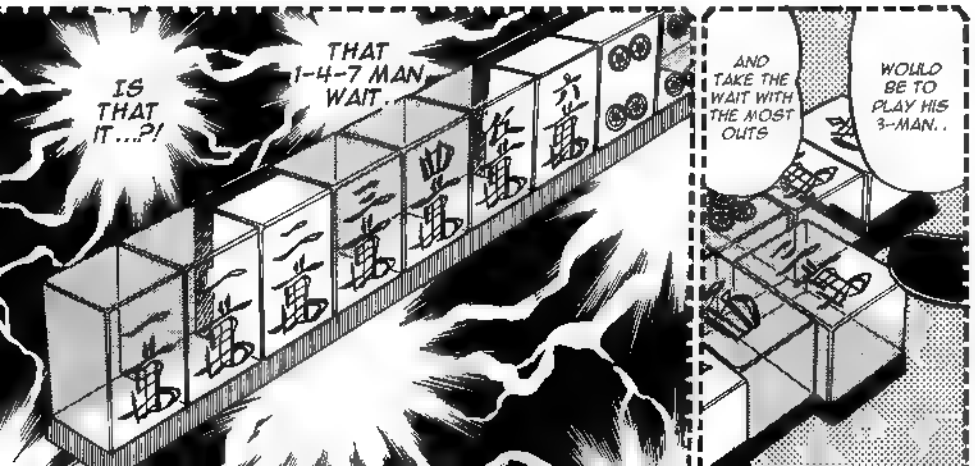
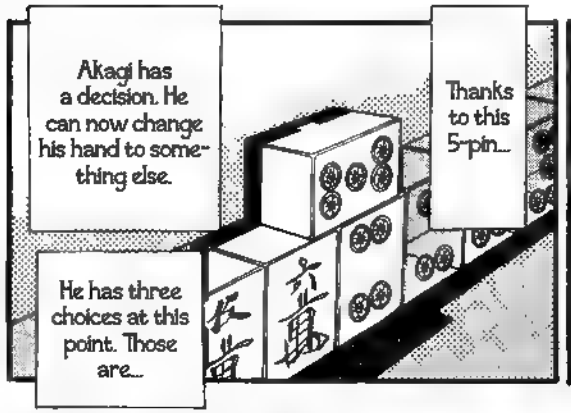

IS THAT IT...?!
THAT 1-4-7 MAN WAIT.
AND TAKE THE WAIT WITH THE MOST OUTS
WOULD BE TO PLAY HIS 3-MAN..


Akagi has a decision. He can now change his hand to some-thing else.
He has three choices at this point. Those are...
Thanks to this 5-pin...

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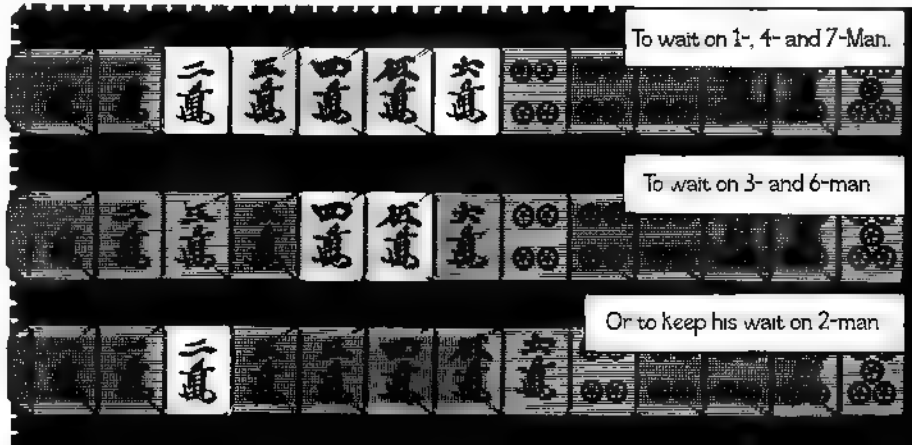
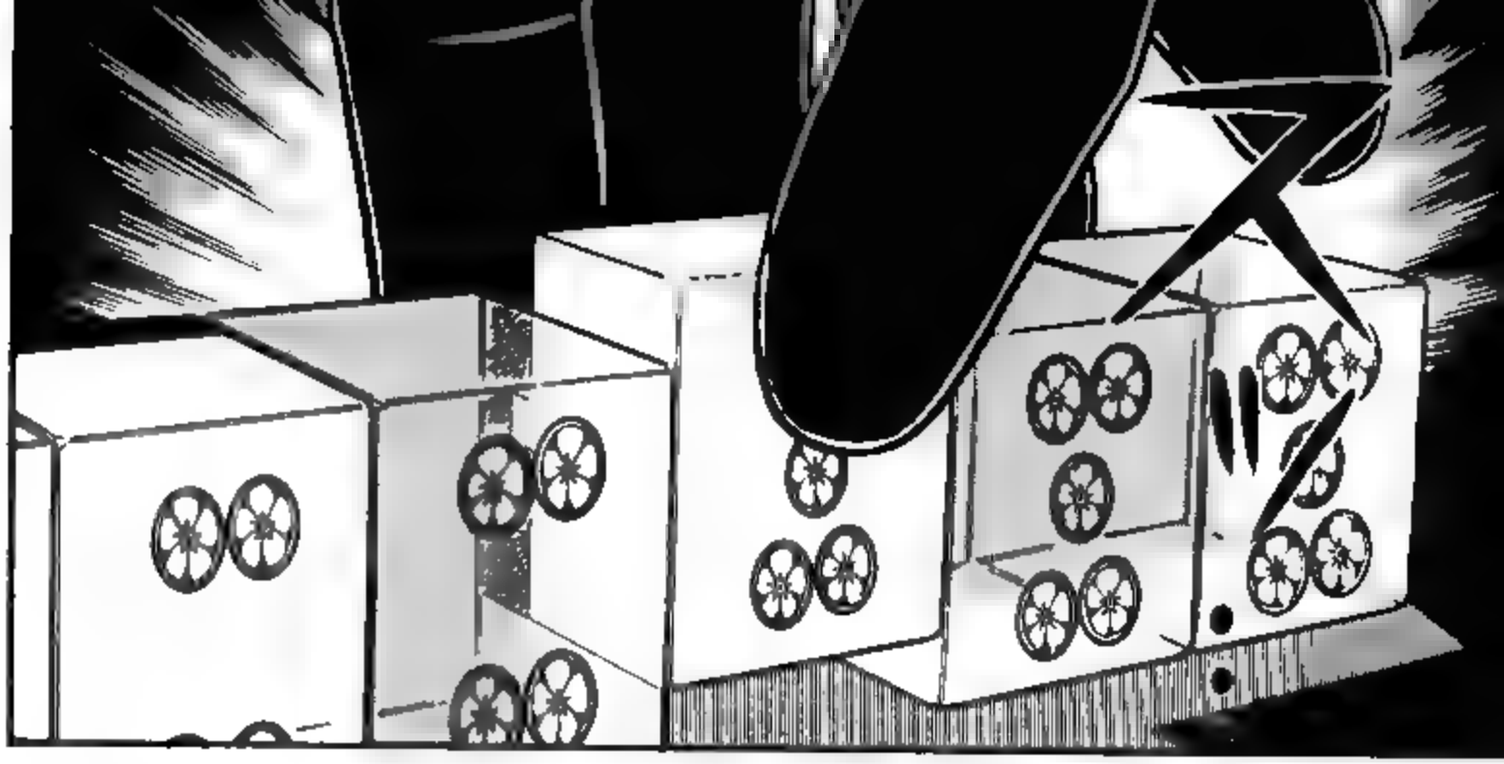
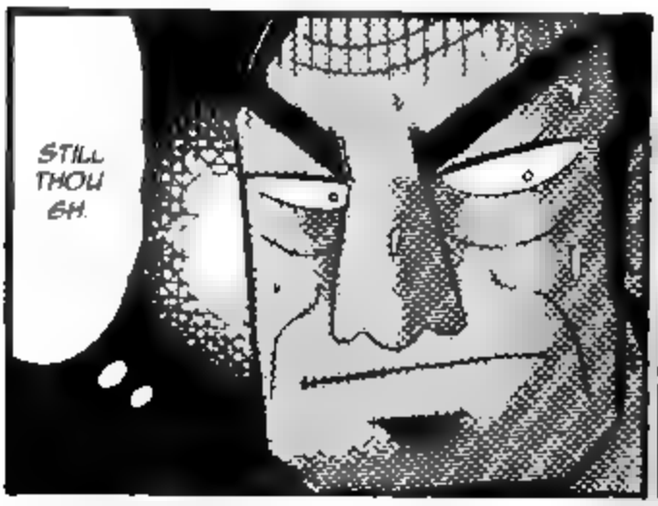
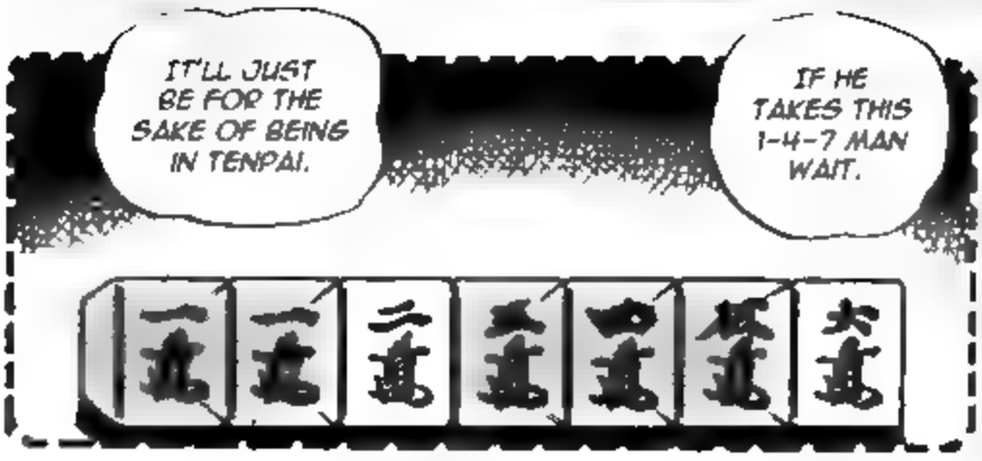

To wait on 1-, 4- and 7-Man.
To wait on 3- and 6-man
Or to keep his wait on 2-man



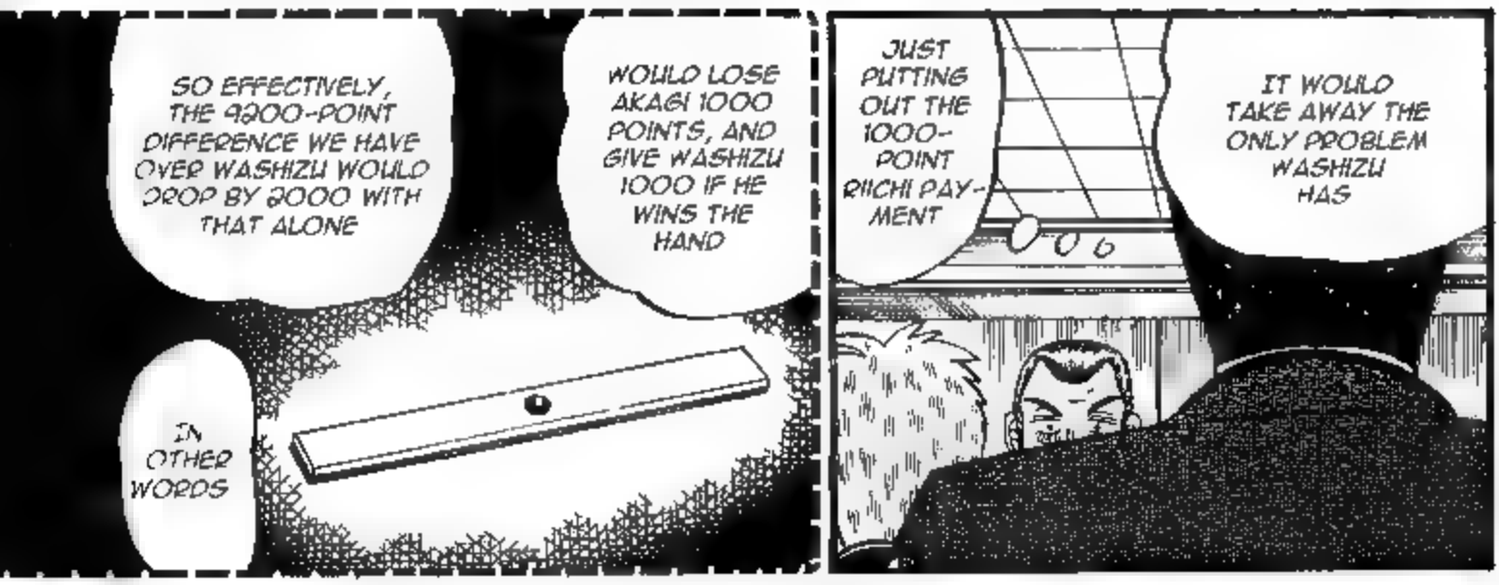

STILL THOU GH.


IT'LL JUST BE FOR THE SAKE OF BEING IN TENPAI.
IF HE TAKES THIS 1-4-7 MAN WAIT.

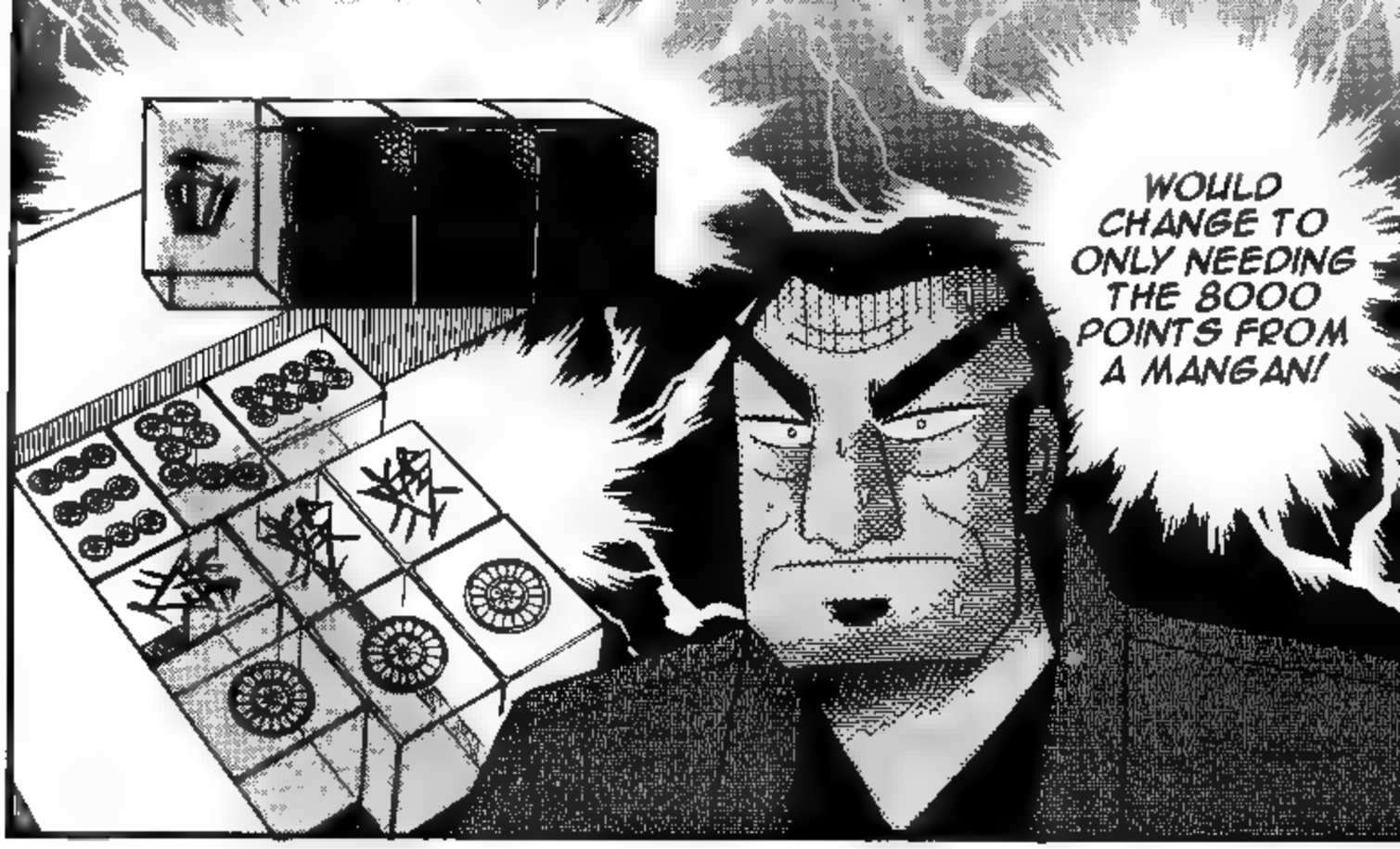
HE CAN'T CALL RIICHI

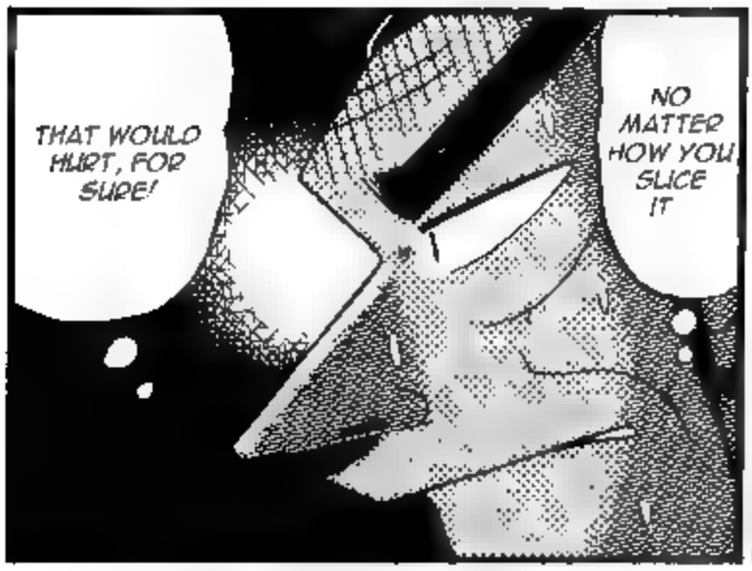
IS AFTER YASUOKA PULLS IN THE 1-, 4- OR 7-MAN
THE ONLY WAY HE'LL CALL RIICHI

WITHOUT THAT INSURANCE IN PLACE..
IF HE JUST CALLS RIICHI
THERE'S NO WAY HE CAN CALL RIICHI!
IF HE DOESN'T HAVE THE GUARANTEE THAT IT CAN BE DEALT INTO STRAIGHT AWAY
HE CAN DEAL INTO THE RIICHI IMMEDIATELY
ONCE THAT HAP-PENS.
RIGHT NOW


SO EFFECTIVELY, THE 9200-POINT DIFFERENCE WE HAVE OVER WASHIZU WOULD DROP BY 2000 WITH THAT ALONE
WOULD LOSE AKAGI 1000 POINTS, AND GIVE WASHIZU 1000 IF HE WINS THE HAND
IN OTHER WORDS
JUST PUTTING OUT THE 1000-POINT RIICHI PAY-MENT
IT WOULD TAKE AWAY THE ONLY PROBLEM WASHIZU HAS

THE NEED FOR HIM TO GET A 12000-POINT HANEMAN IF IT'S A WIN OFF SUZUKI
THE RESTRICTION WASHIZU HAS RIGHT NOW FOR SUZUKI BEING ABLE TO DEAL IN
AND ONCE THAT HAP-PENED
IT WOULD DROP DOWN TO 7200

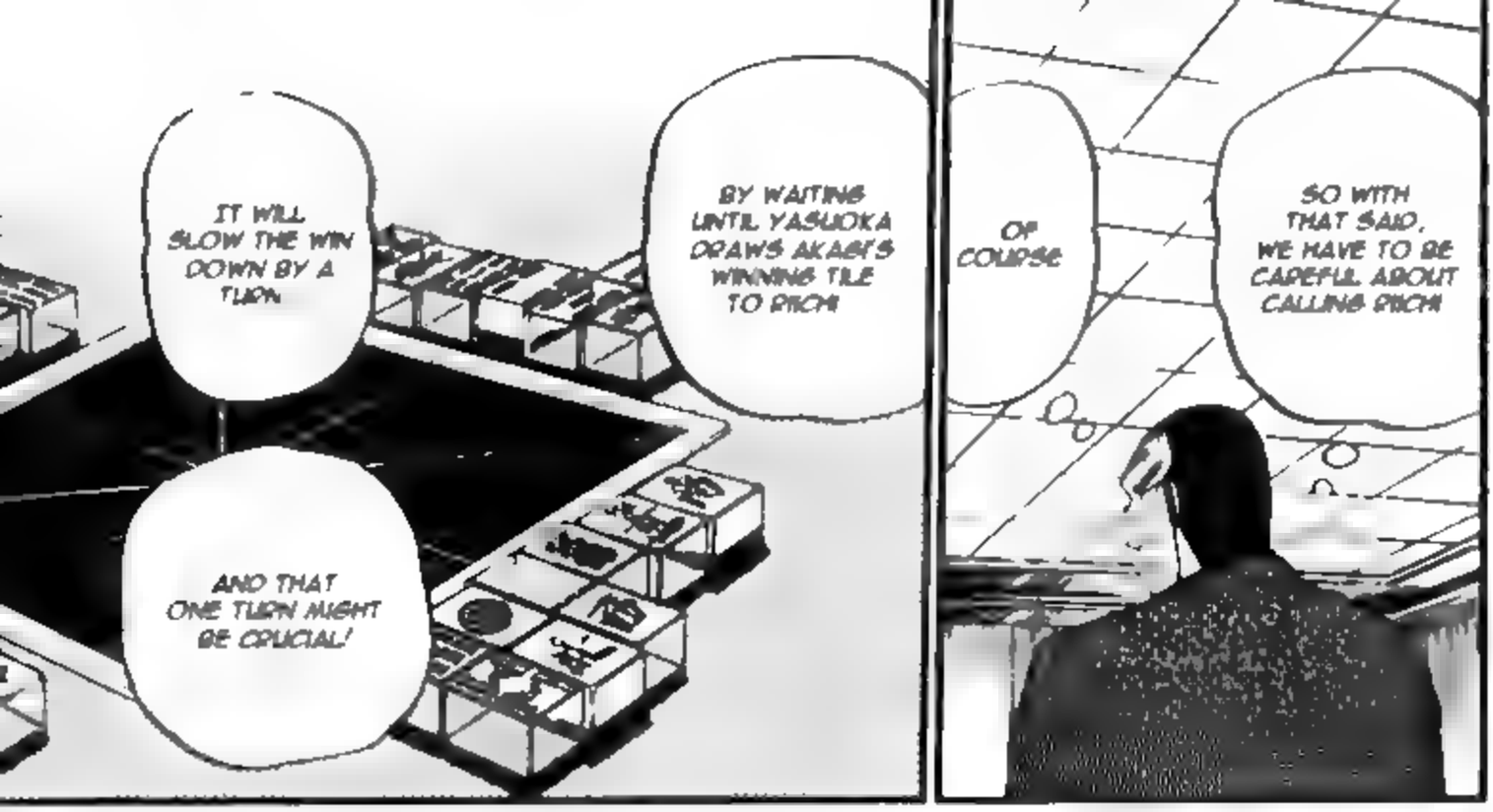

WOULD CHANGE TO ONLY NEEDING THE 8000 POINTS FROM A MANGAN!

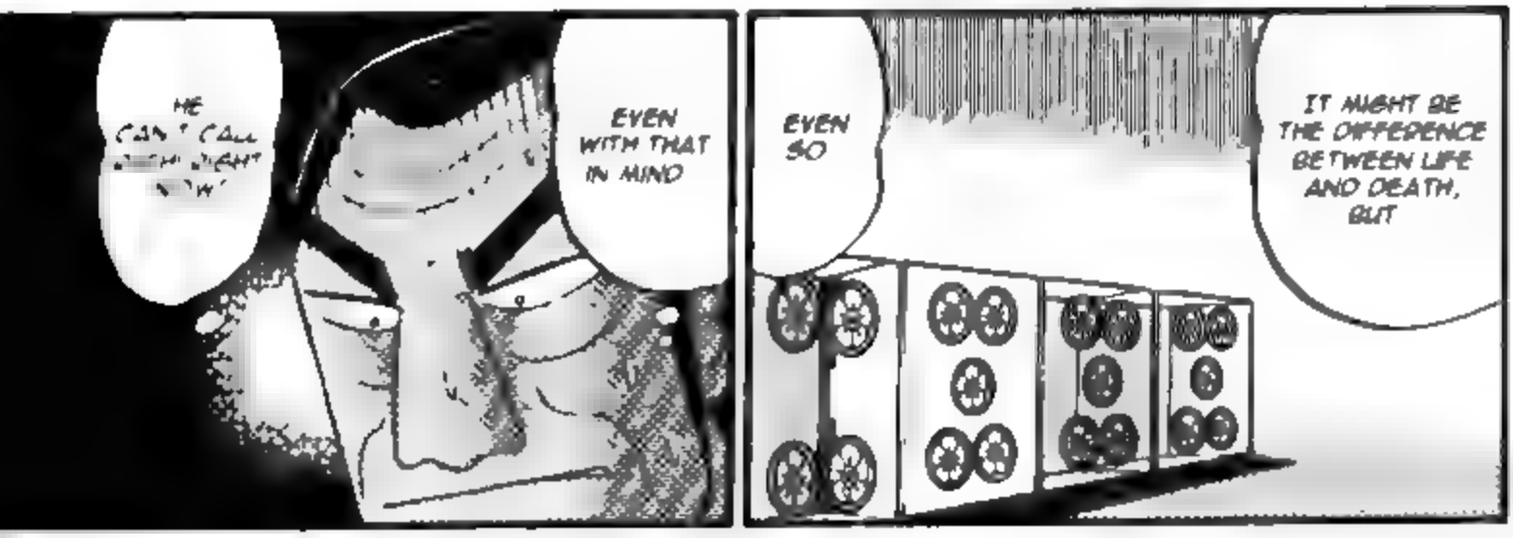

THAT WOULD HURT, FOR SURE!
NO MATTER HOW YOU SLICE IT

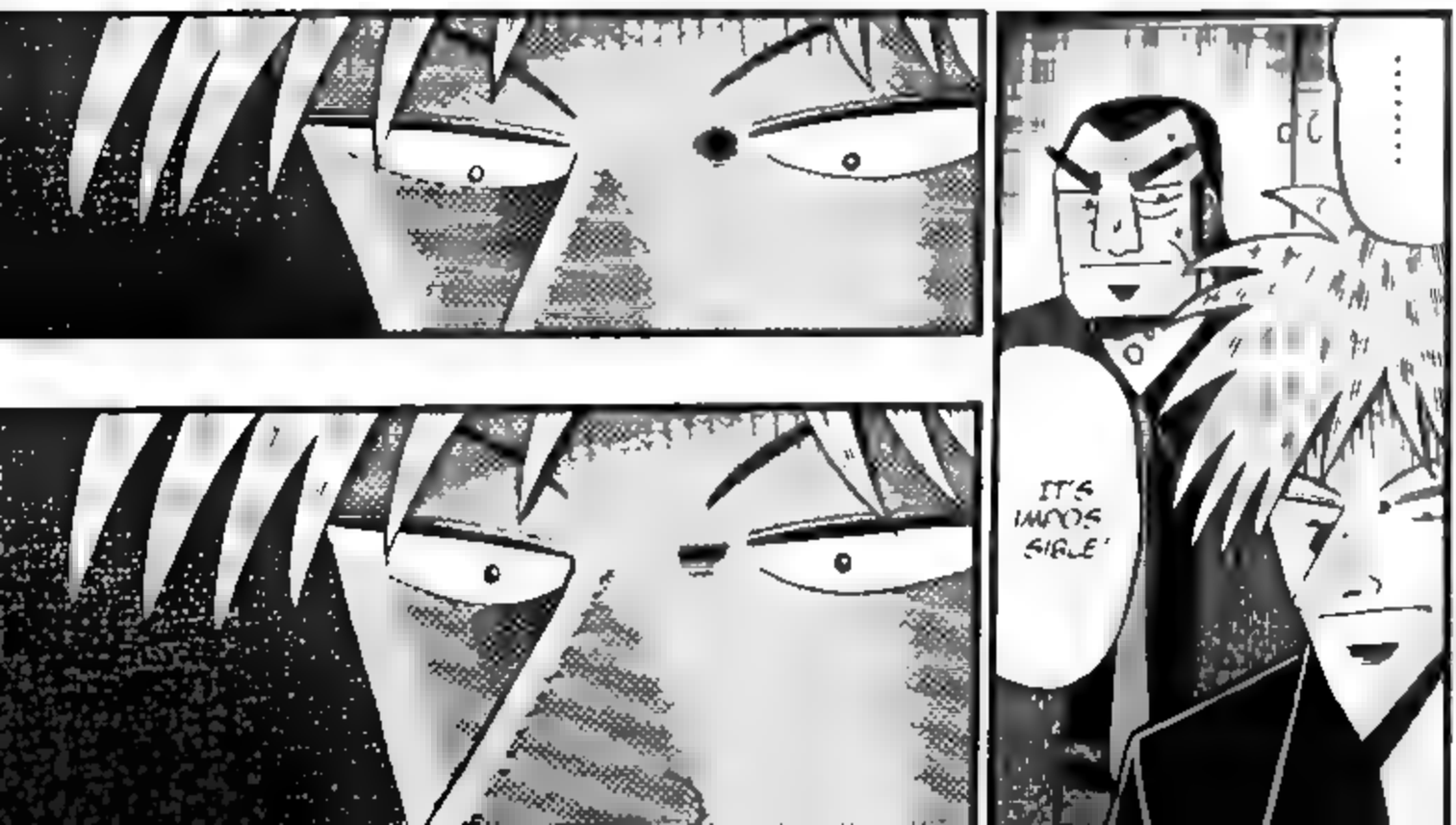
IT'S NO GOOD!
Oo

WE NEED TO KEEP THOSE SHACKLES IN PLACE!
THE NEED FOR THEM TO GET A HANEMAN IN ORDER TO OVERCOME THIS DIFFERENCE ..

TO ALLEVIATE THE ENEMY'S RESTRICTIONS JUST LIKE THAT
THERE'S NO NEED FOR US .
WE NEED TO KEEP IT IN PLACE!


IT WILL SLOW THE WIN DOWN BY A TURN
BY WAITING UNTIL YASUOKA DRAWS AKAGI'S WINNING TILE TO RICHI
AND THAT ONE TURN MIGHT BE CRUCIAL!
OF COURSE
SO WITH THAT SAID, WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT CALLING RICHI


HE CAN'T CALL RICHI RIGHT NOW!
EVEN WITH THAT IN MIND
EVEN SO
IT MIGHT BE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH, BUT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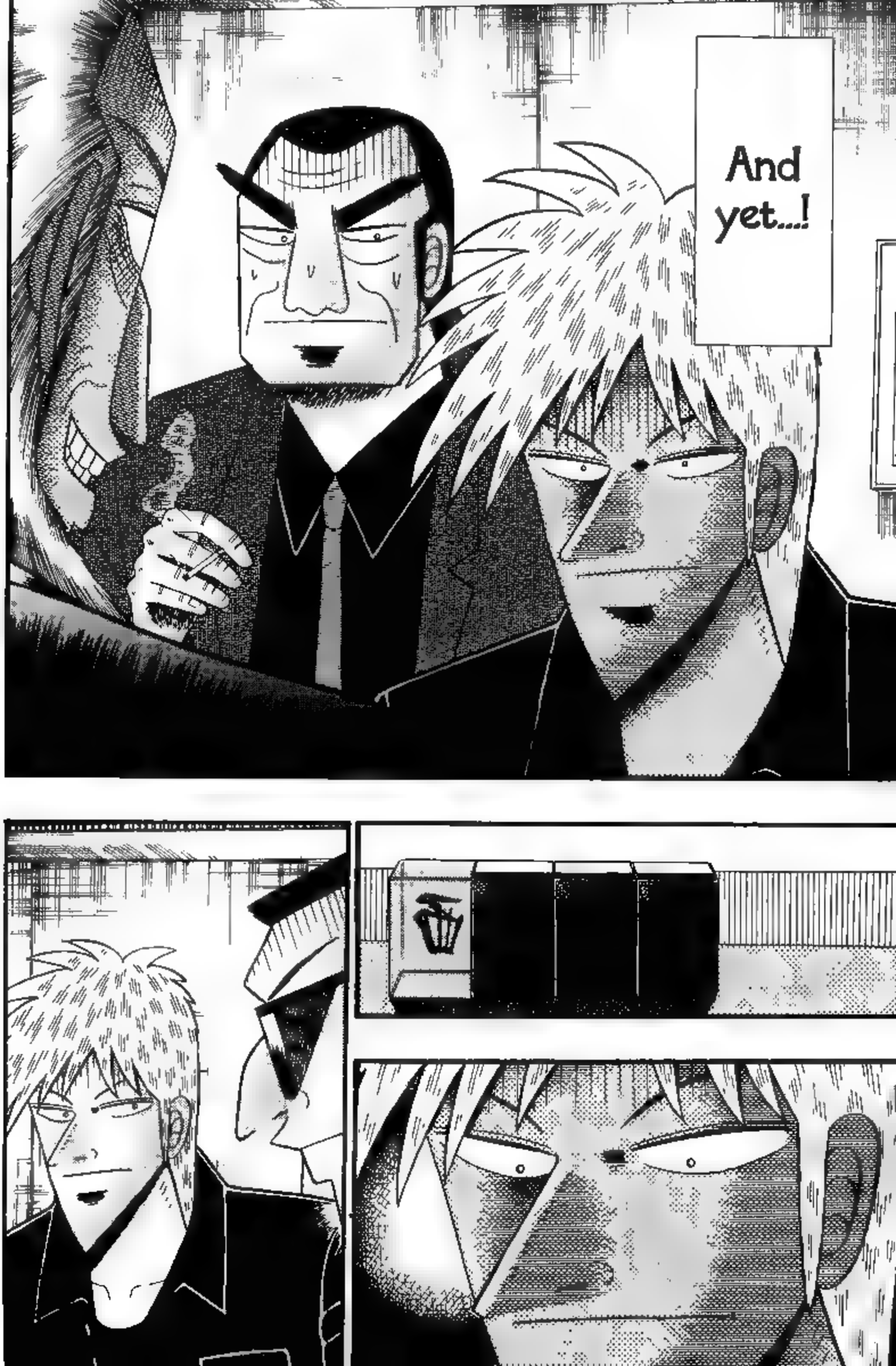
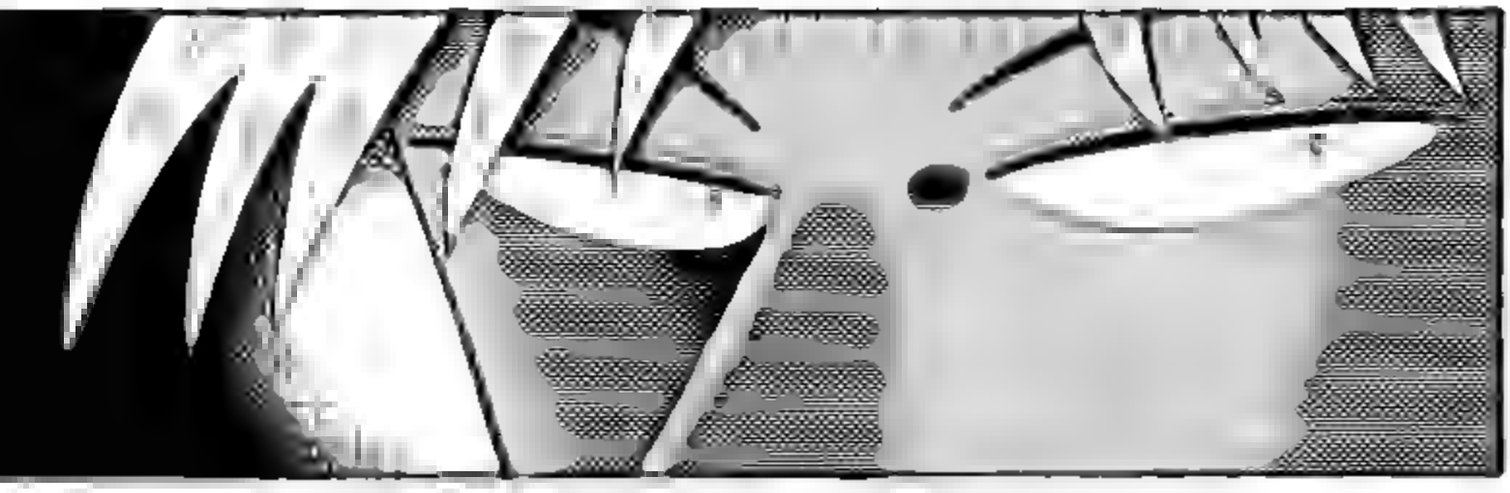
IT'S IMPOS SIBLE!

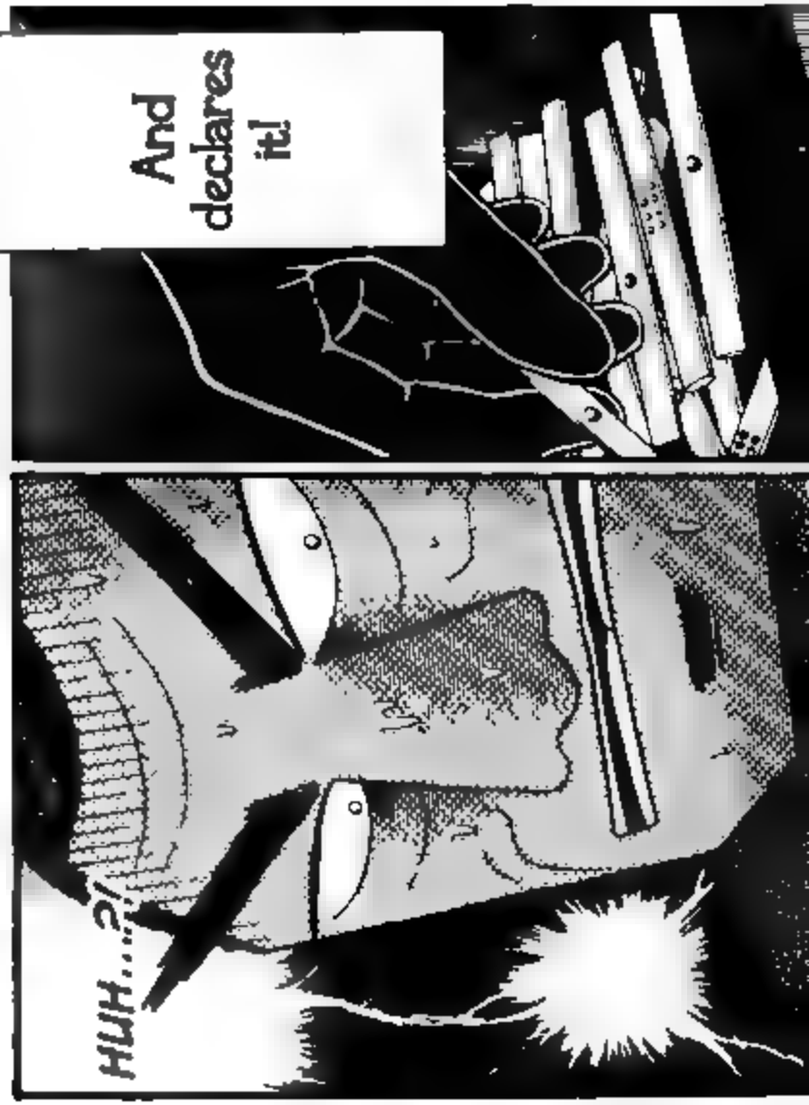

And yet...!

And yet!

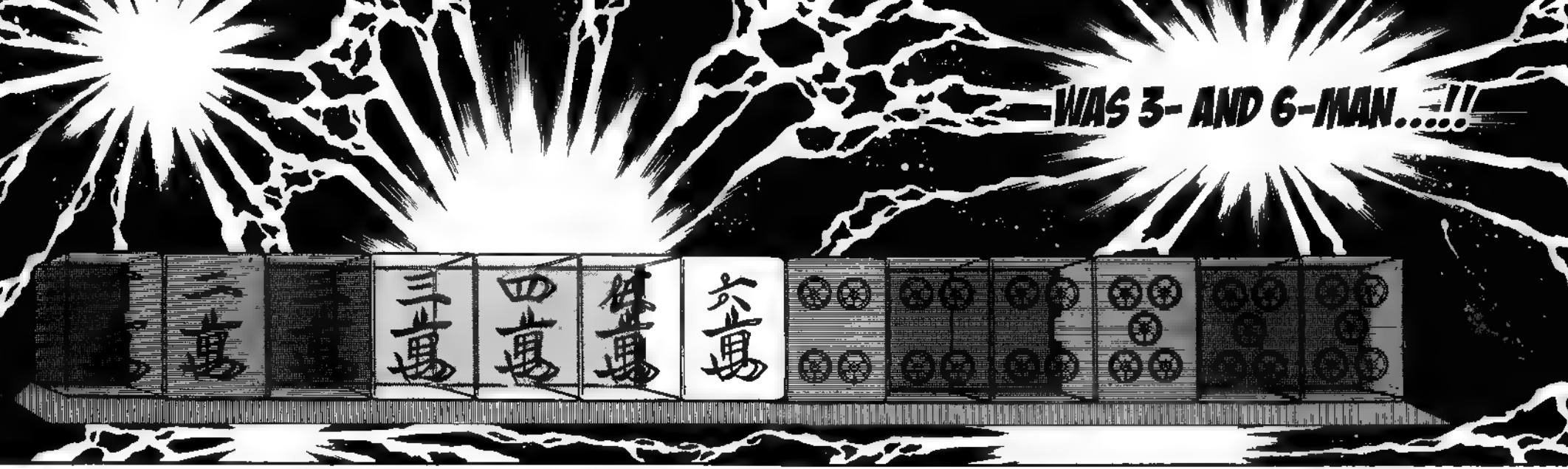


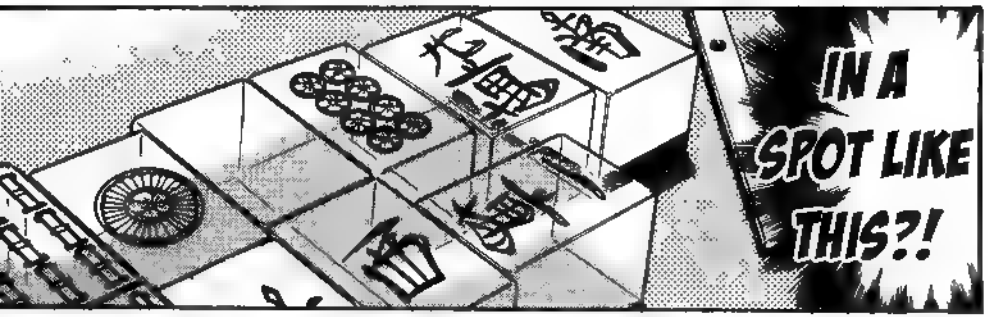
Akagi...

Betrays all of Ohgi's expectations...



RIICHI!
And not only that...
But the wait he chose...


—WAS 3- AND 6-MAN...!!


IN A SPOT LIKE THIS?!

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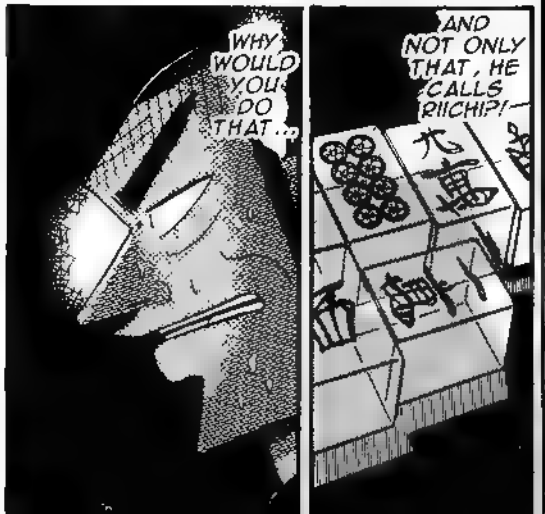
3- AND 6-MAN...?!
THE WORST WAIT OF THE BUNCH...


WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT...
AND NOT ONLY THAT, HE CALLS RIICHI!

GN-NGH!

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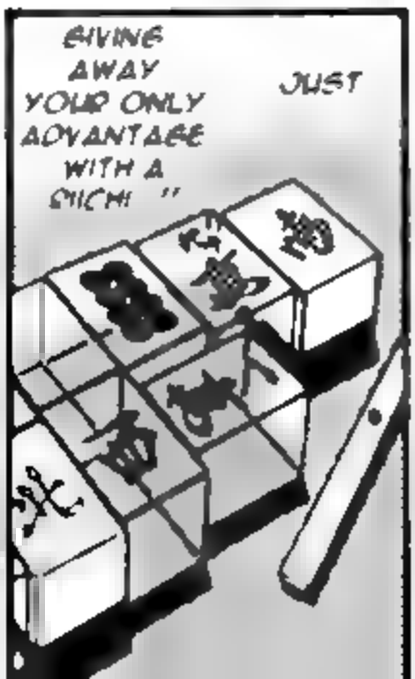
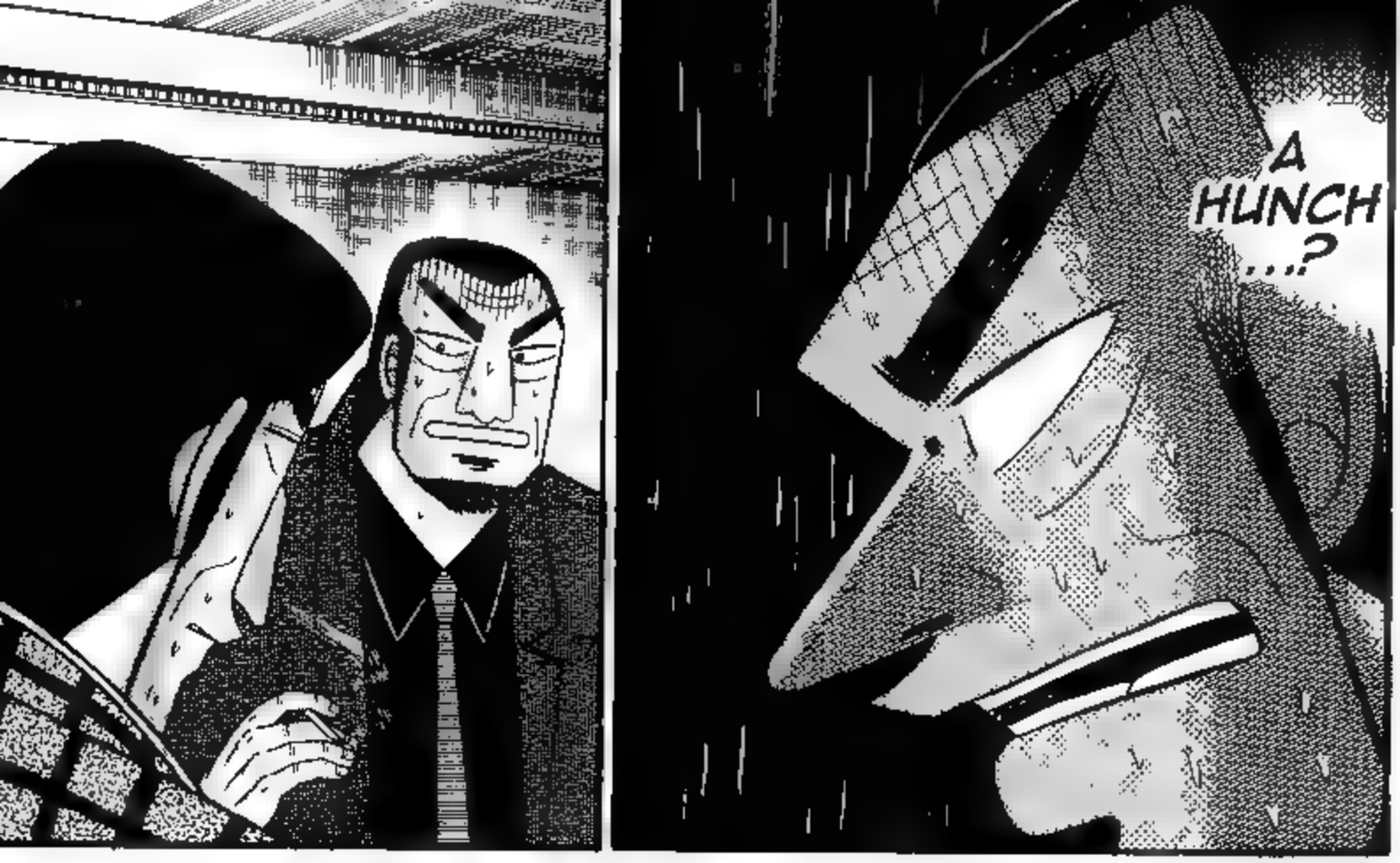
Ooo
ざわ…

JUST

IT'S RIDICU-LOUS!

IF THERE'S ANY REASON THAT HE'D STILL DO IT ANYWAY
BUT STILL


GIVING AWAY YOUR ONLY ADVANTAGE WITH A CHICHI "
JUST

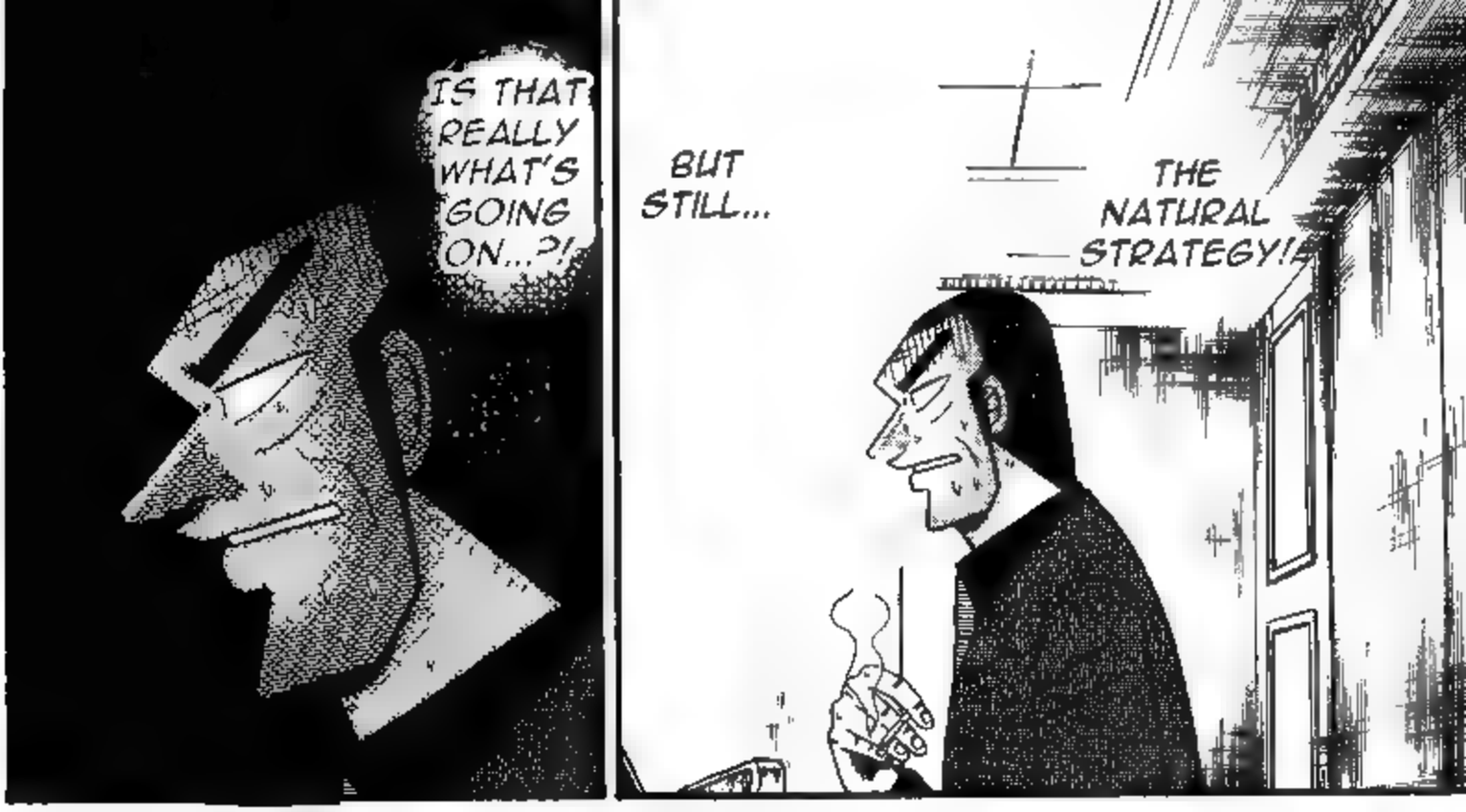

A HUNCH...?

PURE INTU-ITION...?!
THAT KIND OF HUNCH...?

YASUOKA WILL PULL IN HIS WINNING 3- AND 6-MAN...
THAT NEXT TURN...
三萬
四萬
伍萬
六萬

CONSIDERING THAT EACH TURN YOU WAIT AROUND COULD BE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH...
THE OBVIOUS MOVE WOULD BE TO CALL RIICHI.

IF YOU KNOW THAT YASUOKA WILL DRAW IT NOW...
I CAN SEE WHY HE DID IT.


IS THAT REALLY WHAT'S GOING ON...?!
BUT STILL...
THE NATURAL STRATEGY!!

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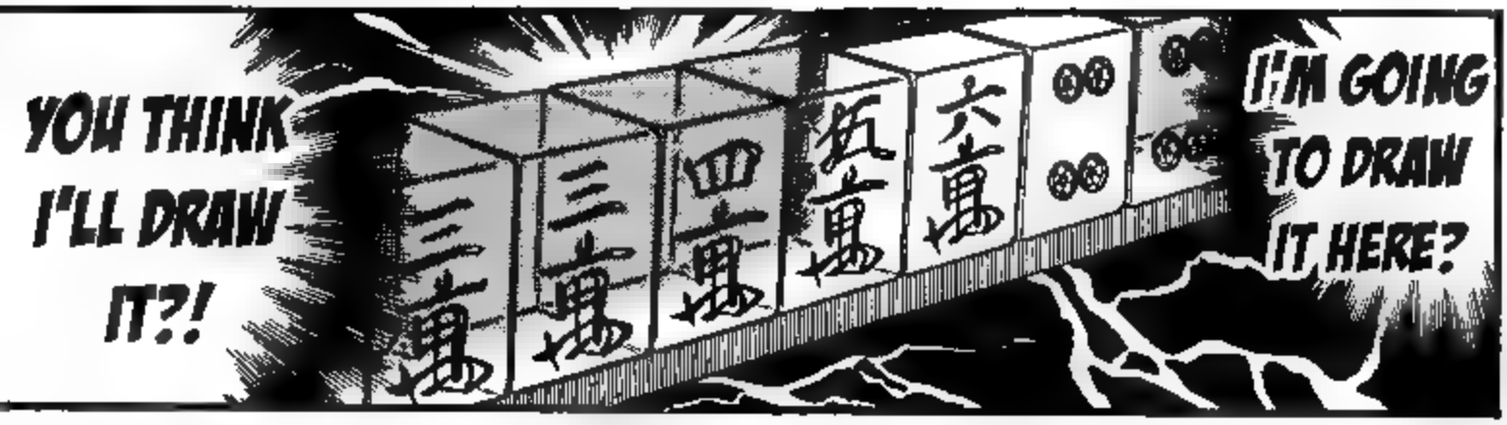
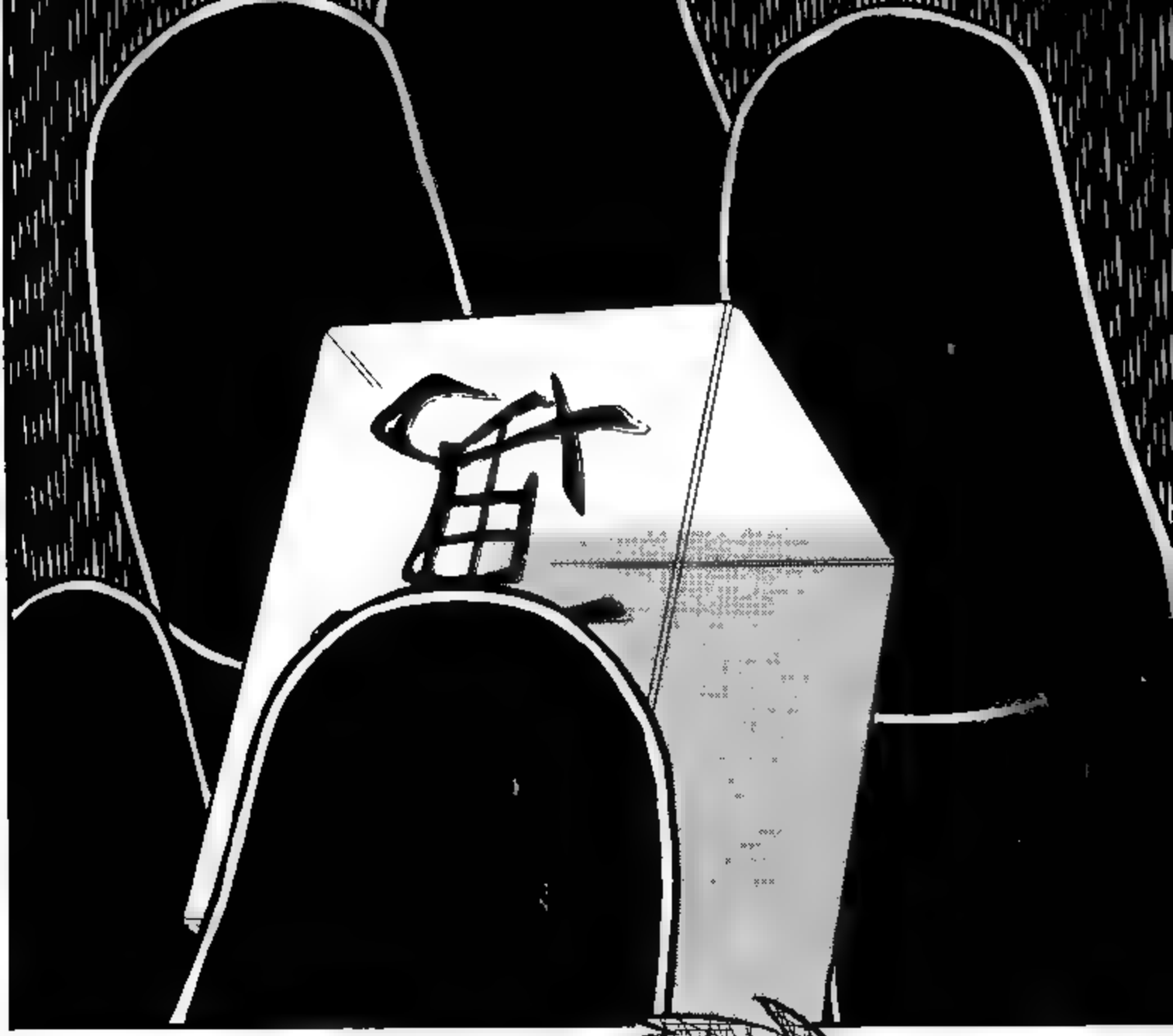
AKAGI...!



THAT I'LL DRAW THE 3- OR 6-MAN NOW...?!



AH.....!!

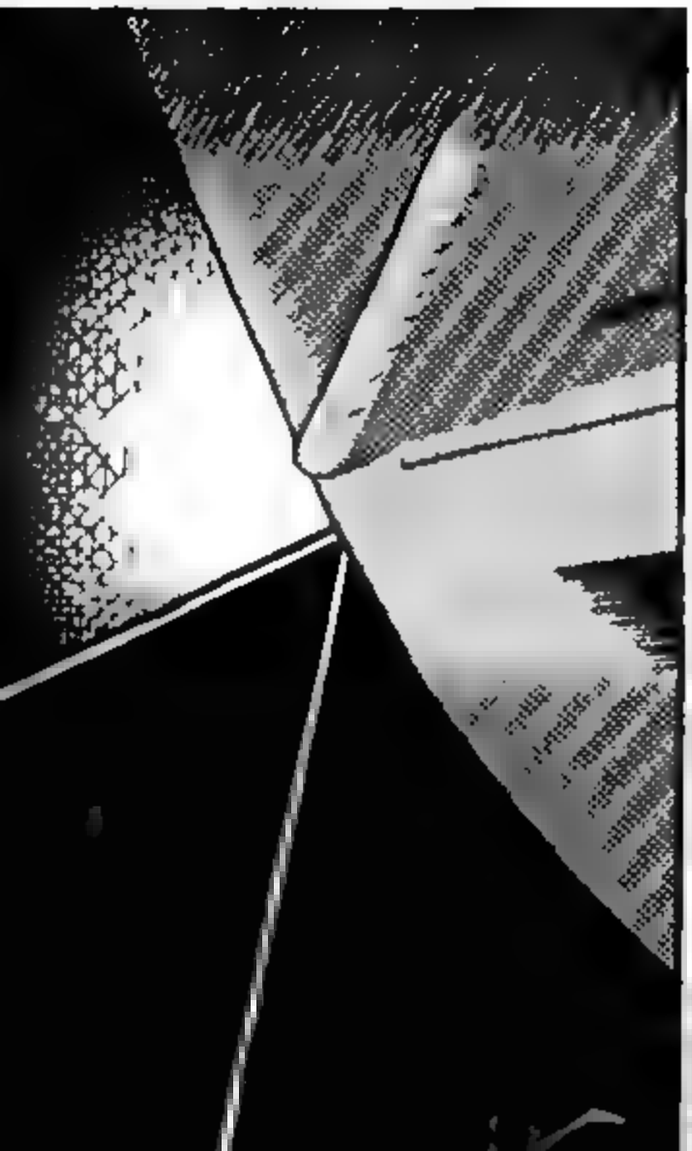
DID YOU REALLY GET IT?!
DID YOU GET IT?
HUH...?!

But...
SER-IOUS-LY?!

It was no good!

KNGH...!

GRRGH...!



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KHEH-
HEH-HEH-
HEH...

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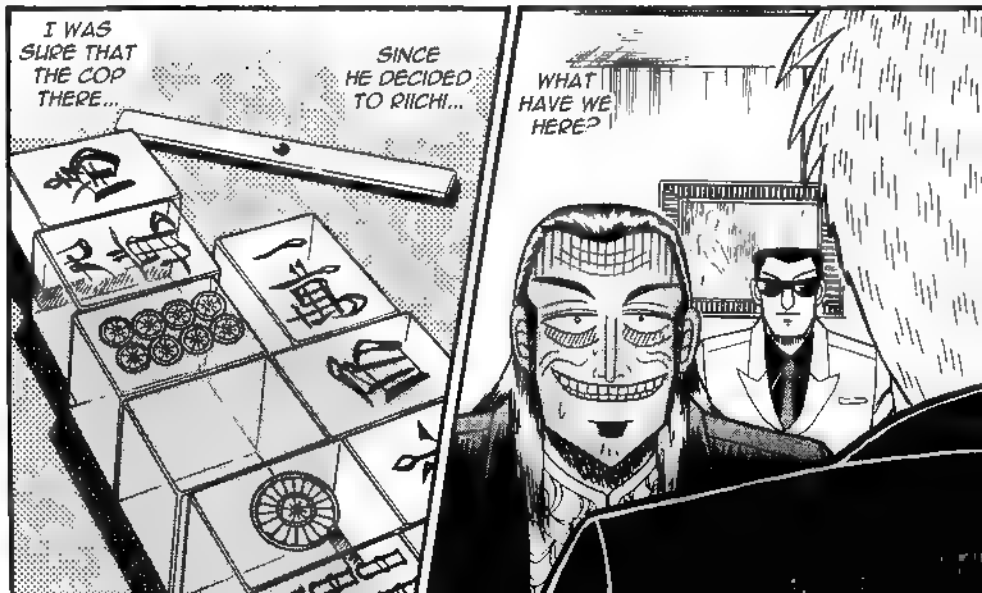
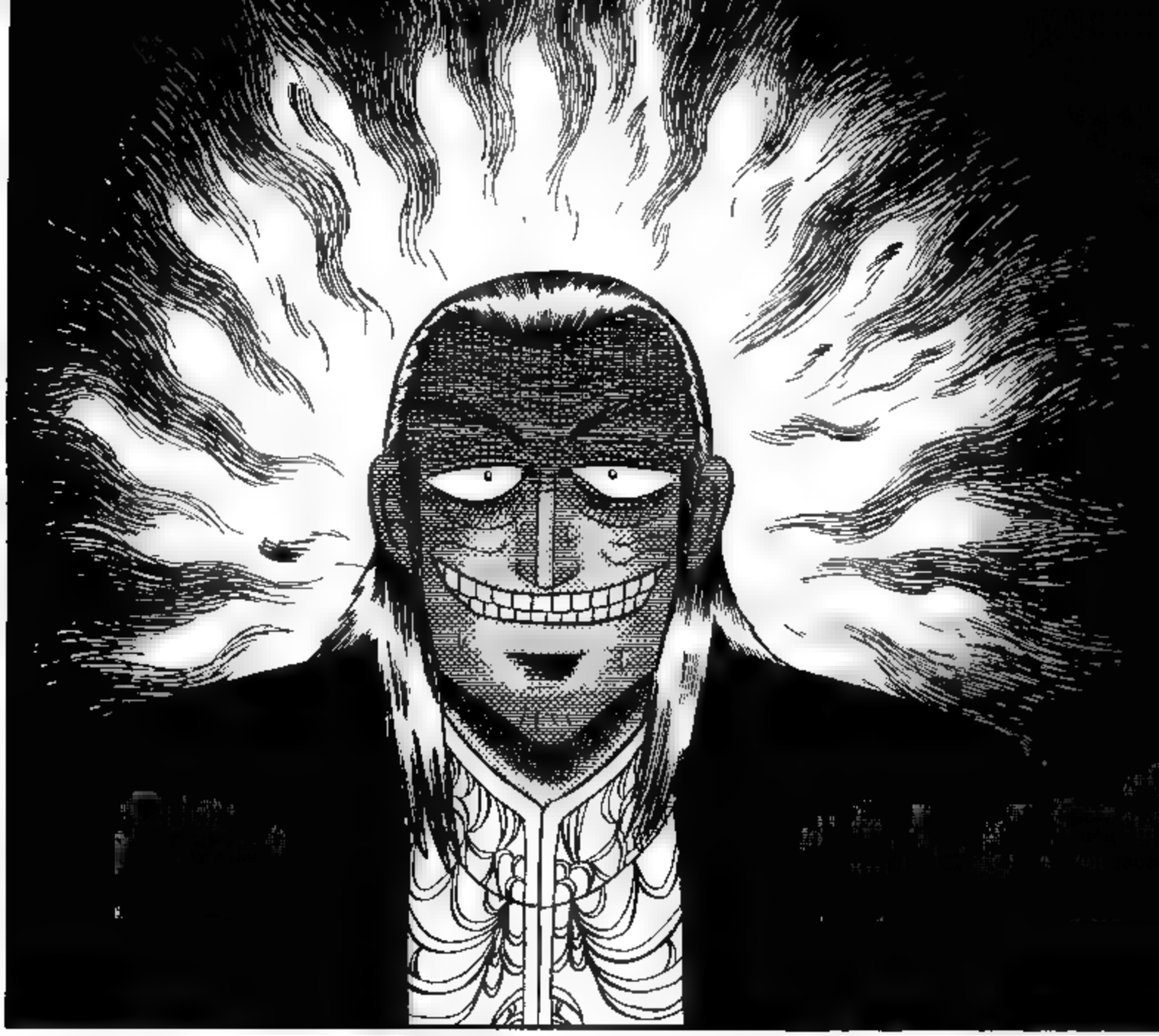
CHAPTER-90: ACCIDENTAL GUNFIRE
第90話 暴発

KHEH-HEH-HEH...
ざわ...
ざわ...
ざわ...
Washizu: 32,700 Points, -68.5 Million
2nd Session, South 4th Round,
Akagi: 40,900 Points, -1100 ccs
*-1000 points from the riichi

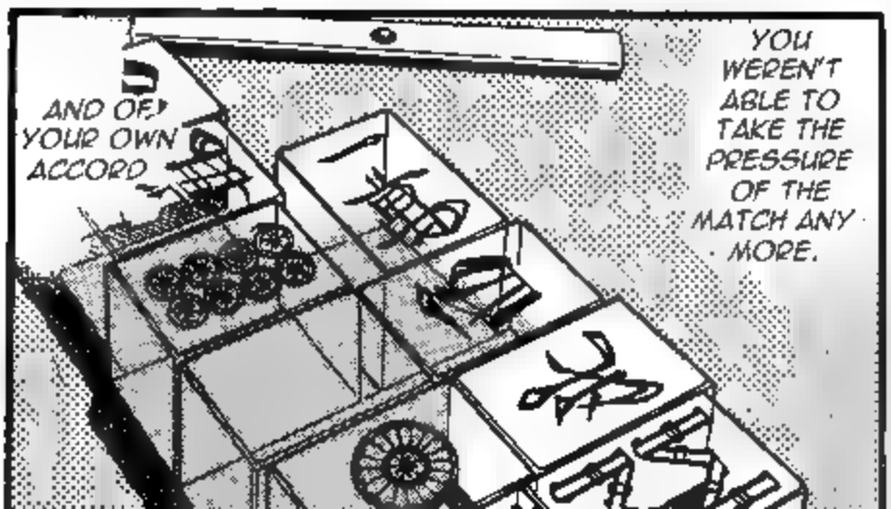
SINCE HE DIDN'T... WHAT DOES THIS MEAN...?
WOULD DEAL INTO HIS HAND IMMEDI-ATELY,


I WAS SURE THAT THE COP THERE...
SINCE HE DECIDED TO RIICHI...
WHAT HAVE WE HERE?

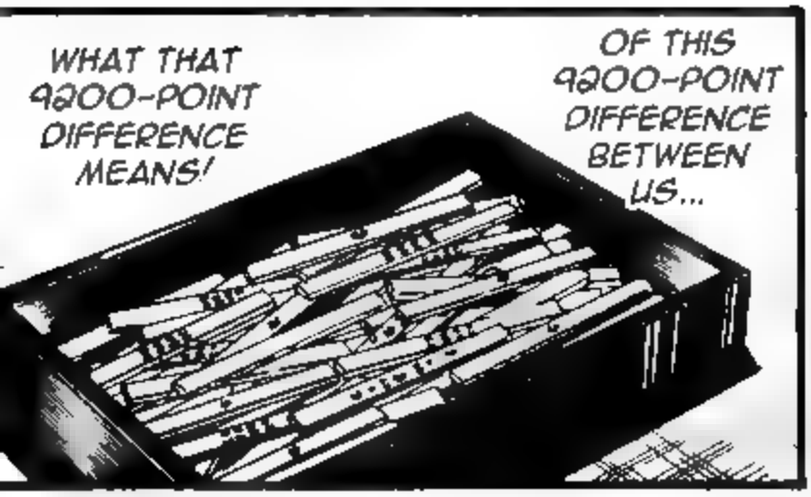


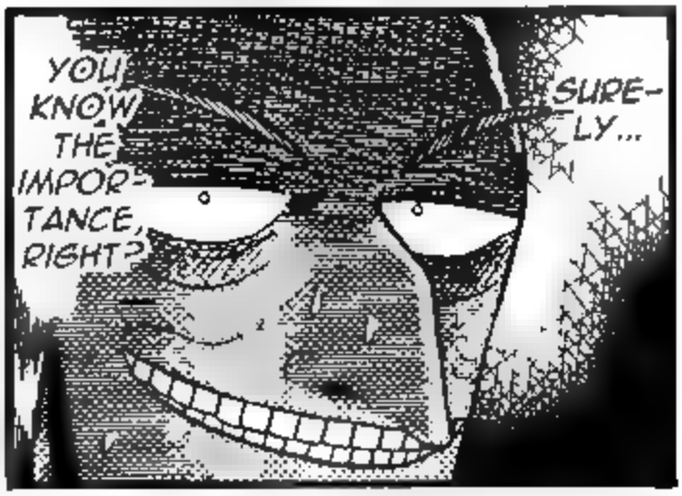
YOU'VE DUG YOUR OWN GRAVE, BOY!

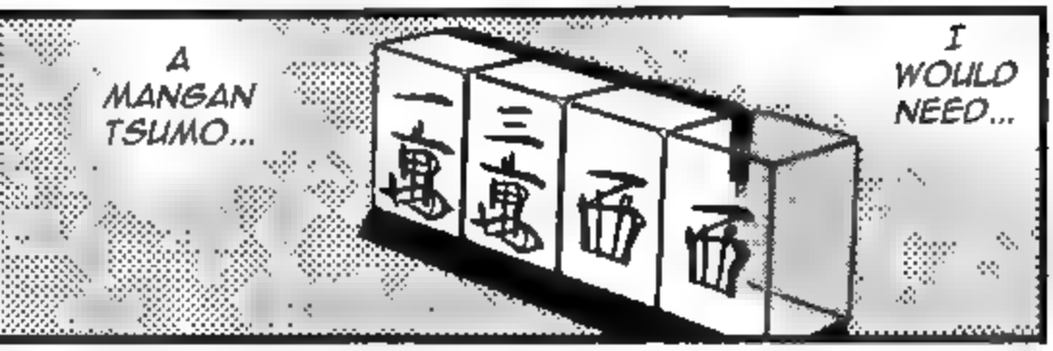
KHEH-
HEH-
HEH...

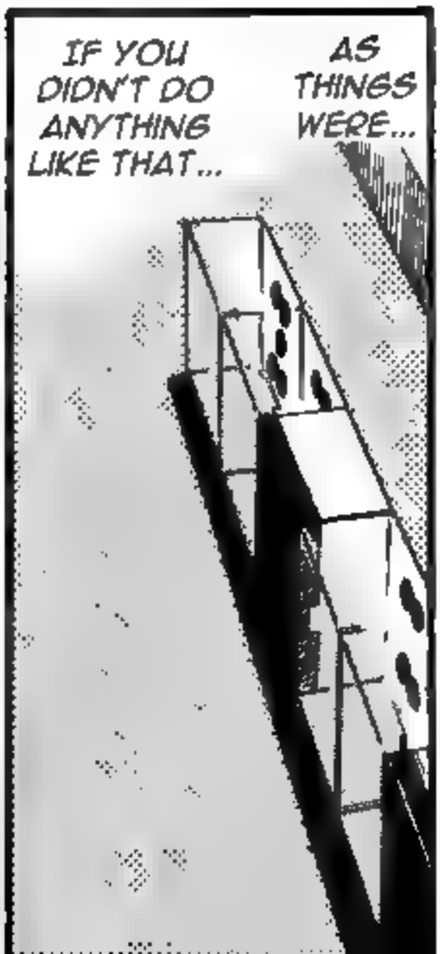

AND OF YOUR OWN ACCORD
YOU WEREN'T ABLE TO TAKE THE PRESSURE OF THE MATCH ANY MORE.

YOU SABOTAGED YOURSELF!

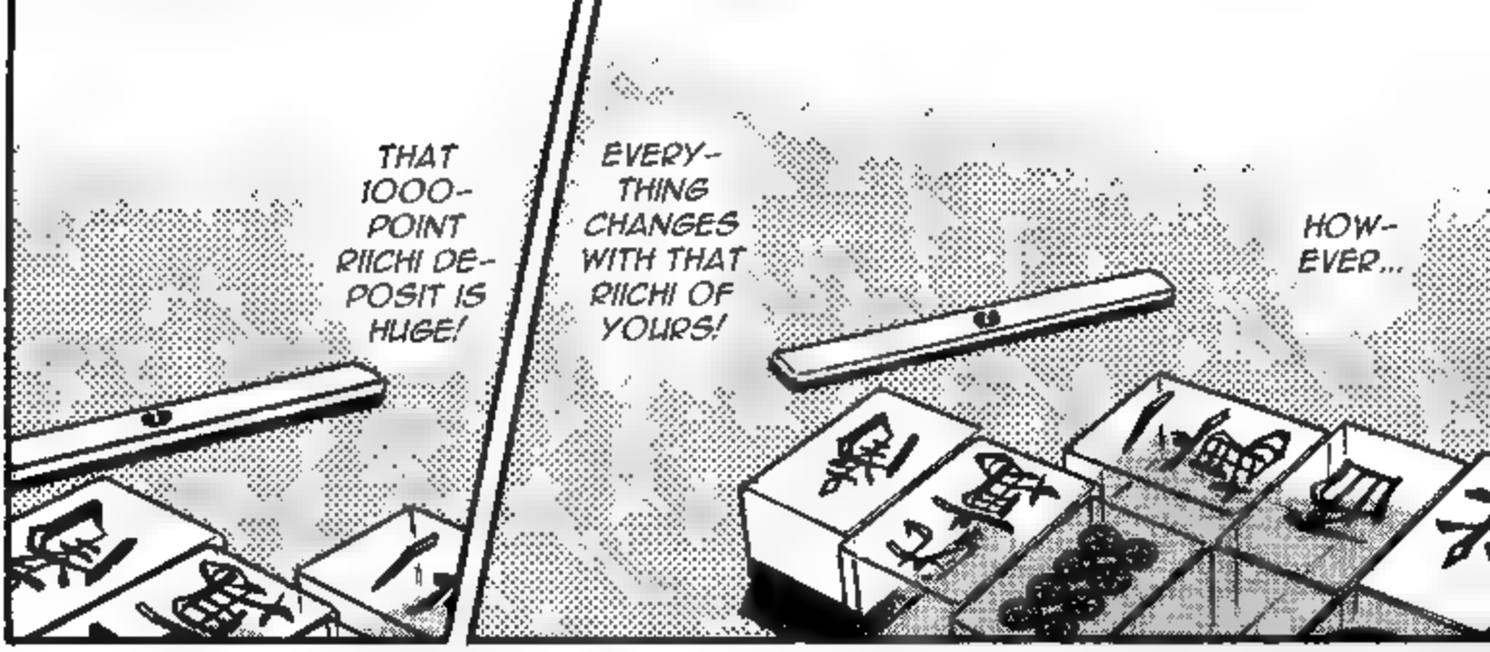

WHAT THAT 9200-POINT DIFFERENCE MEANS!
OF THIS 9200-POINT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US...


YOU KNOW THE IMPOR-TANCE, RIGHT?
SURE-LY...


A MANGAN TSUMO...
I WOULD NEED...

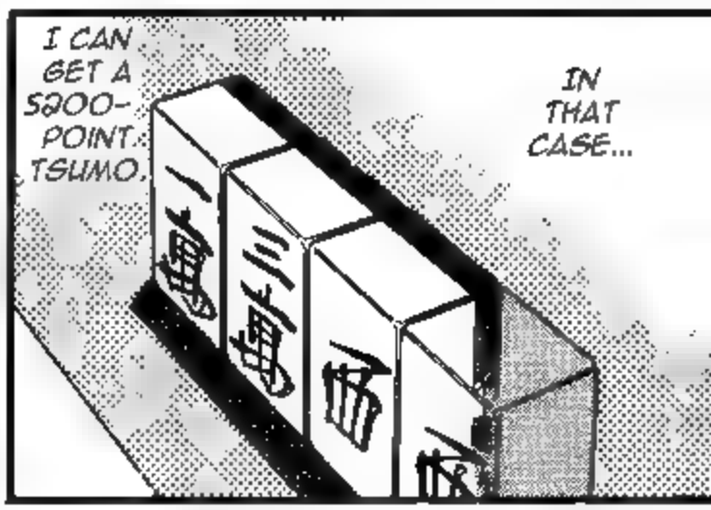

IF YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT...
AS THINGS WERE...

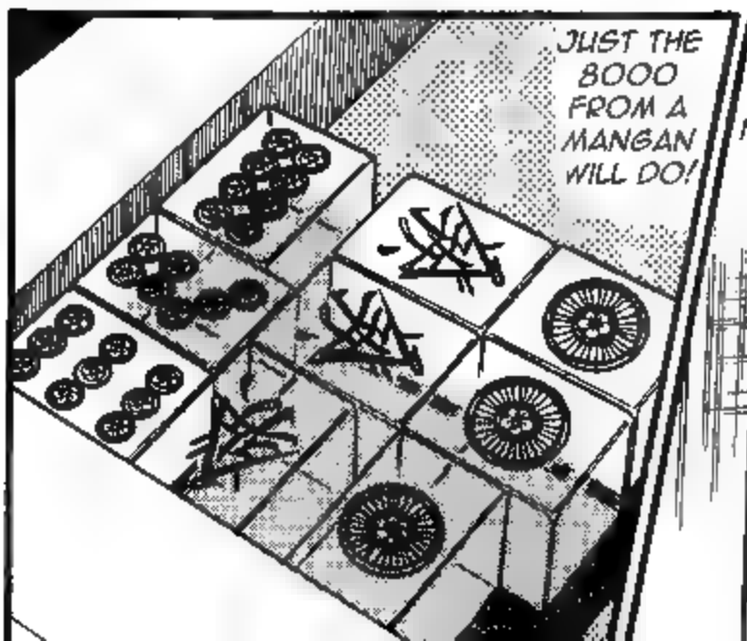
IF NOT, I WOULDN'T OVERTAKE YOU
OR A HANE-MAN HAND IF I WANTED SUZUKI TO DEAL INTO IT


THAT 1000-POINT RIICHI DEPOSIT IS HUGE!
EVERY-THING CHANGES WITH THAT RIICHI OF YOURS!
HOW-EVER...

WITH THAT, OUR 9200-POINT DIFFERENCE IS EFFECTIVELY NOW 7200!
9200
−2000
7200
IF I WIN THE HAND, YOU'LL LOSE THAT 1000 POINTS, AND I WILL GAIN IT, DROPPING THE DIFFERENCE BY 2000.

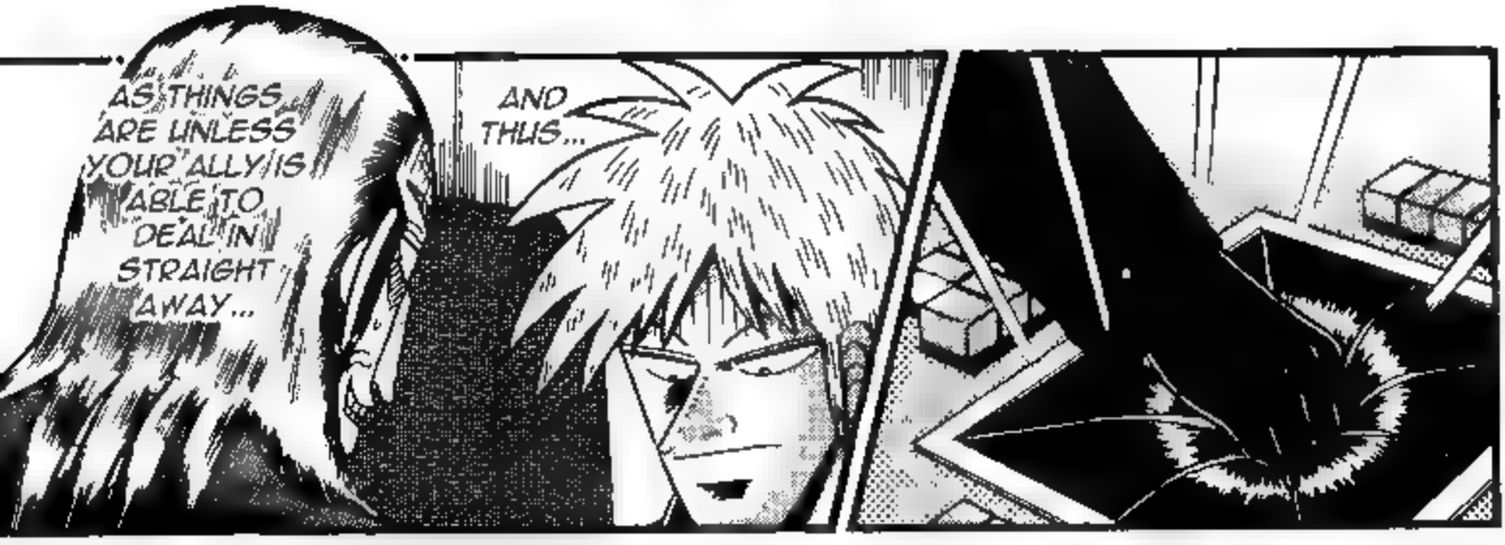
MAKING FOR A COME-BACK.
THAT WOULD BE 2600 POINTS FROM YOU, AS THE DEALER...

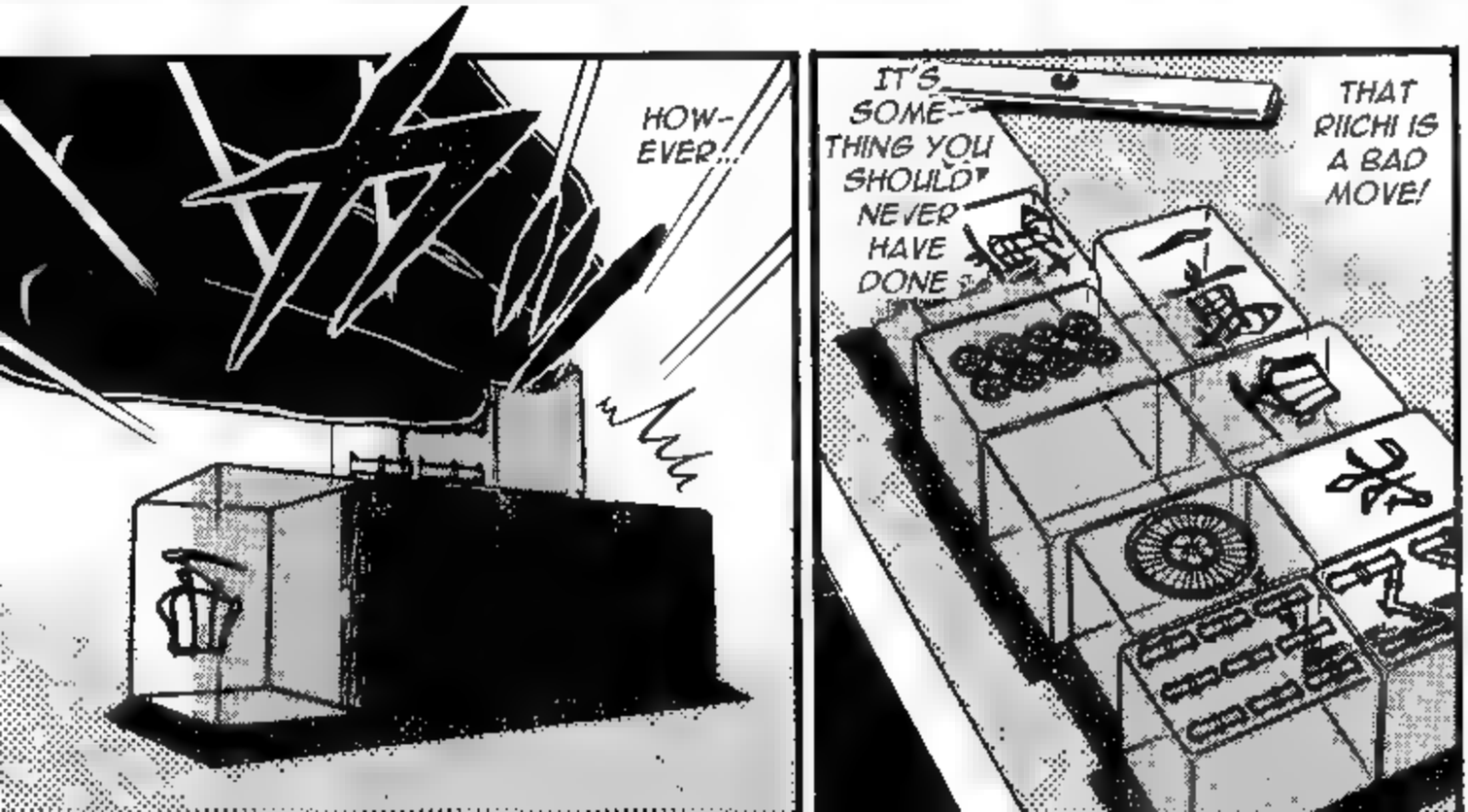

I CAN GET A 5200-POINT TSUMO.
IN THAT CASE...

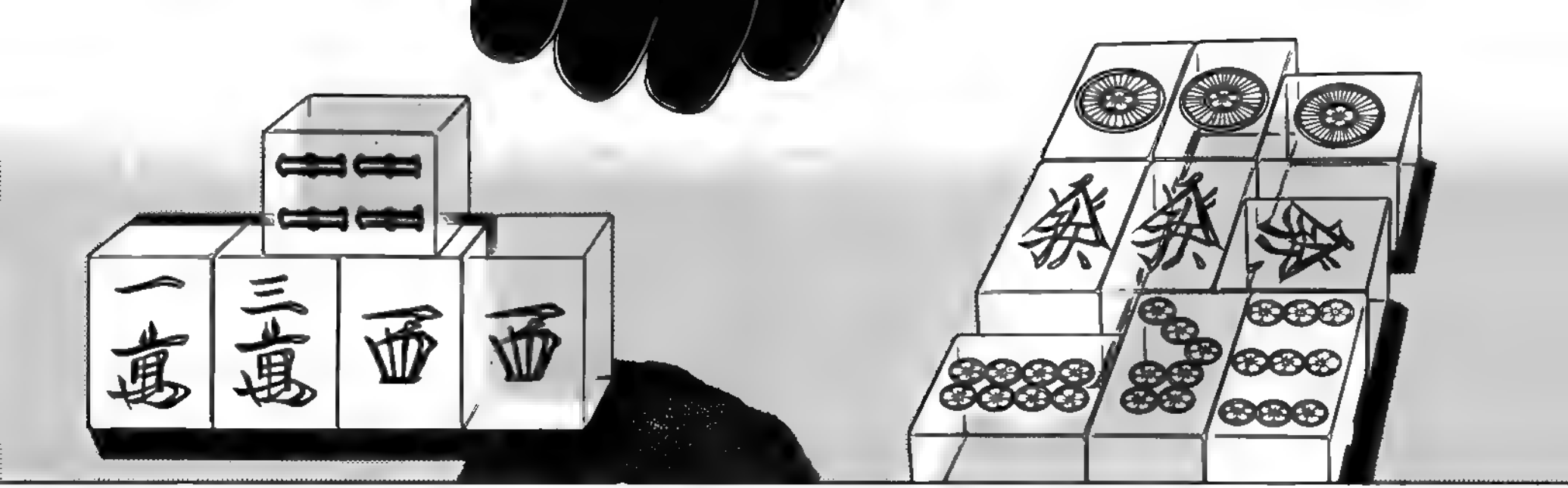

JUST THE 8000 FROM A MANGAN WILL DO!

I DON'T NEED A HANE-MAN...
AND IF I HAVE SUZUKI DEAL IN...

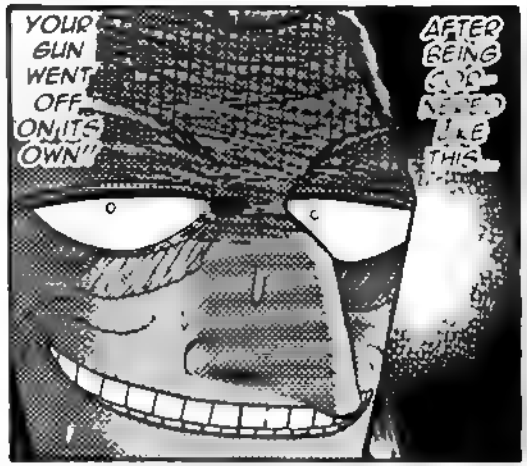
KHEH-
HEH-
HEH...


AS THINGS ARE UNLESS YOUR ALLY IS ABLE TO DEAL IN STRAIGHT AWAY...
AND THUS...


HOW-
EVER...
IT'S SOME-
THING YOU SHOULD NEVER HAVE DONE
THAT RIICHI IS A BAD MOVE!

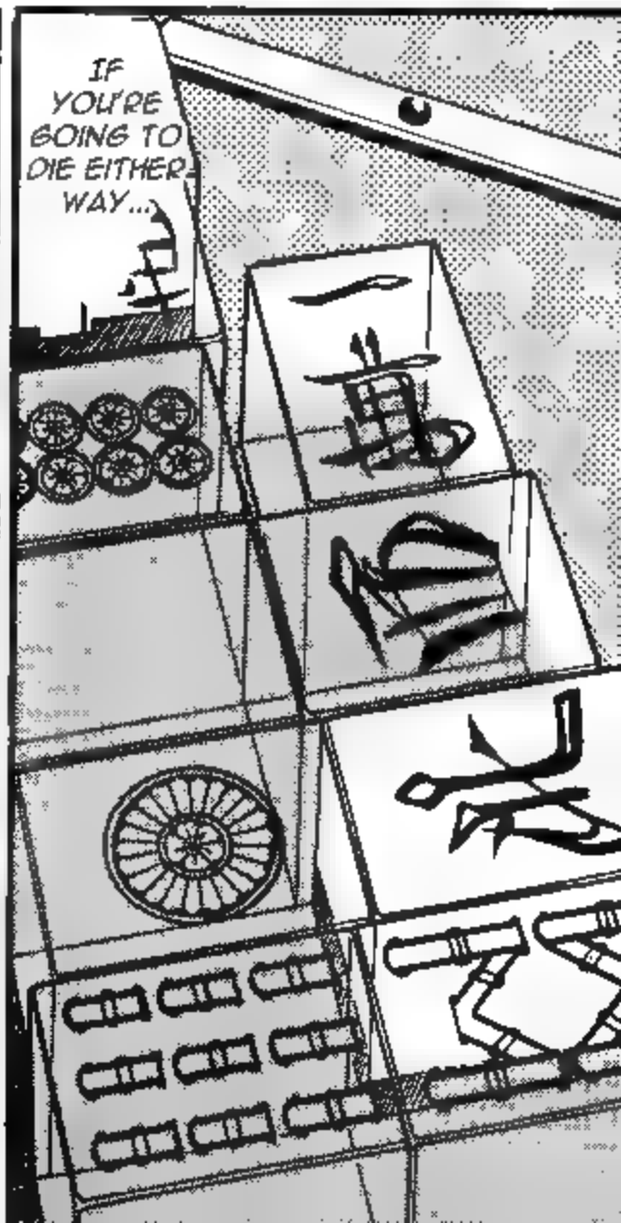


TO TAKE ON A DO-OR-DIE GAMBLE!



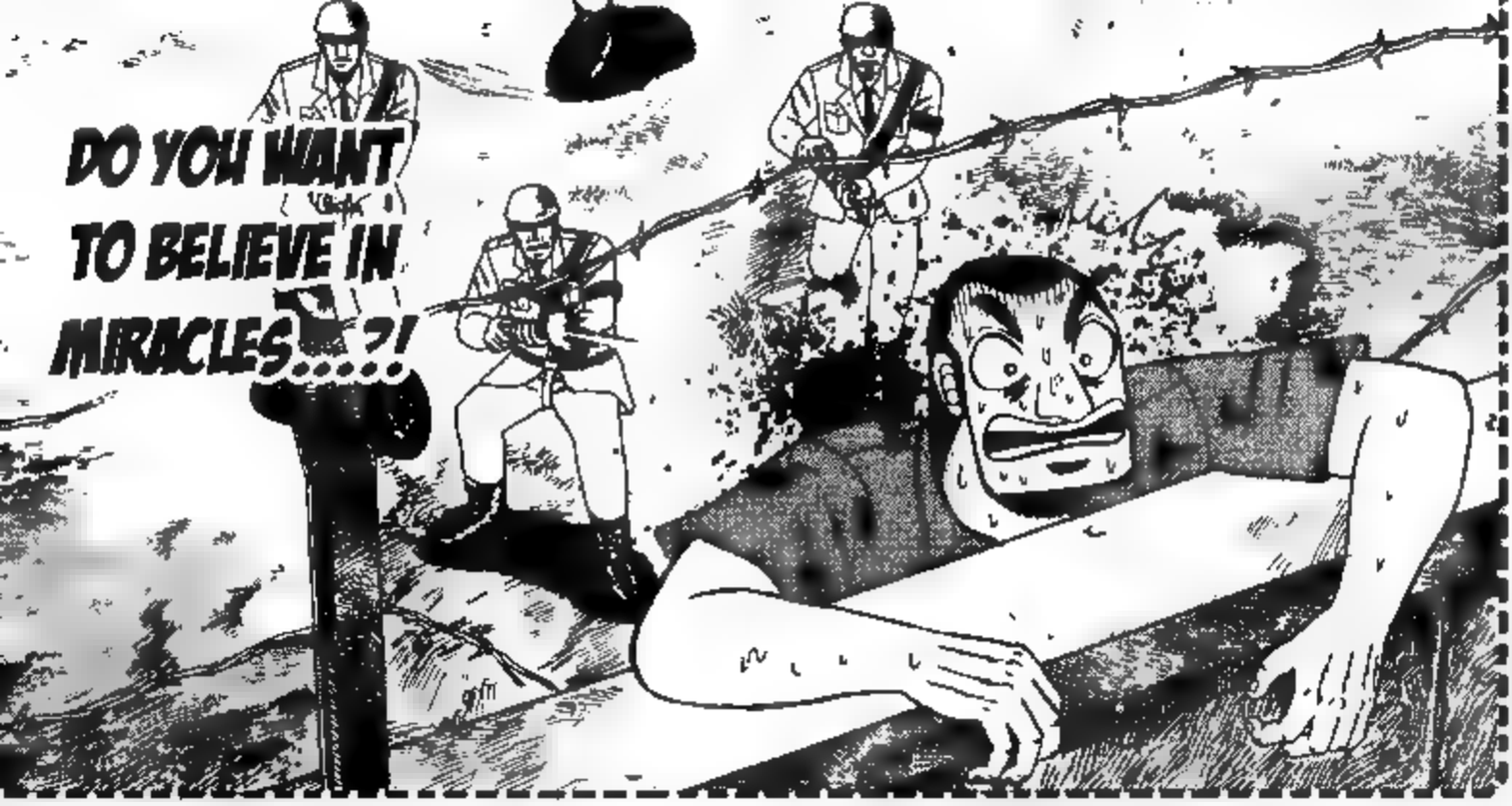
YOU CALLED RIICHI, BETTING ON THE SLIM CHANCE...
THAT YOUR DETECTIVE FRIEND WOULD DRAW YOUR WINNING TILE!

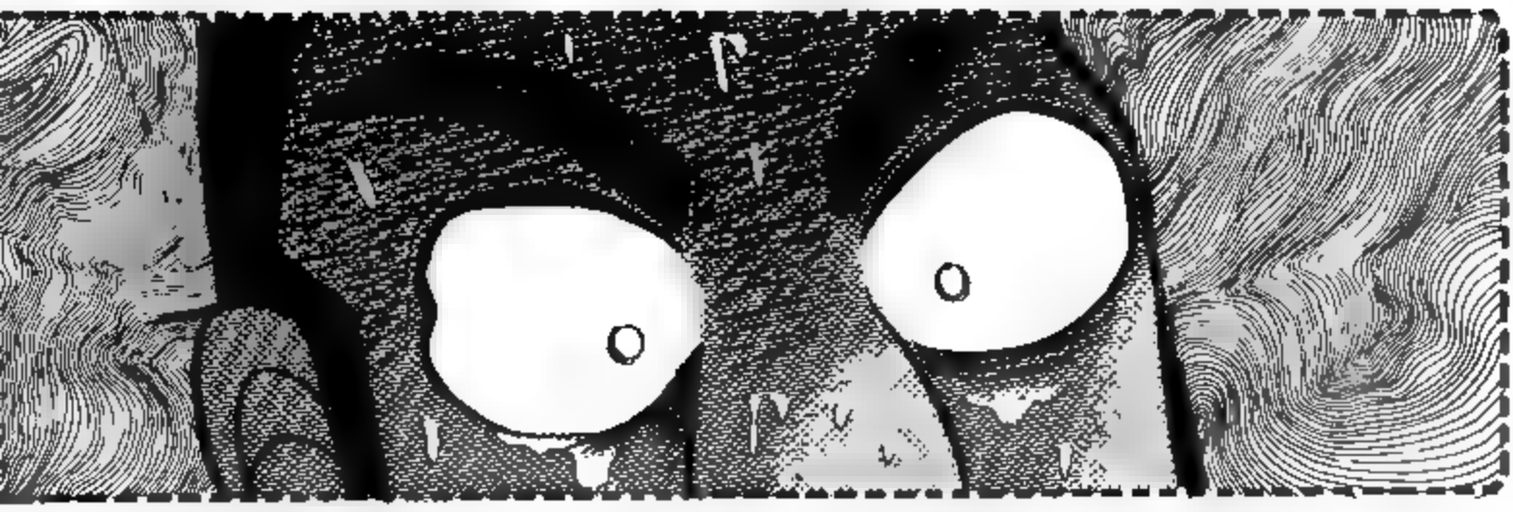
YOU'D RATHER GO DOWN...
IN A BLAZE OF GLORY!


IF YOU'RE GOING TO DIE EITHER WAY...

WILL MAKE AN IDIOTIC ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE!
THERE'S NEXT TO NO CHANCE IT WILL WORK...

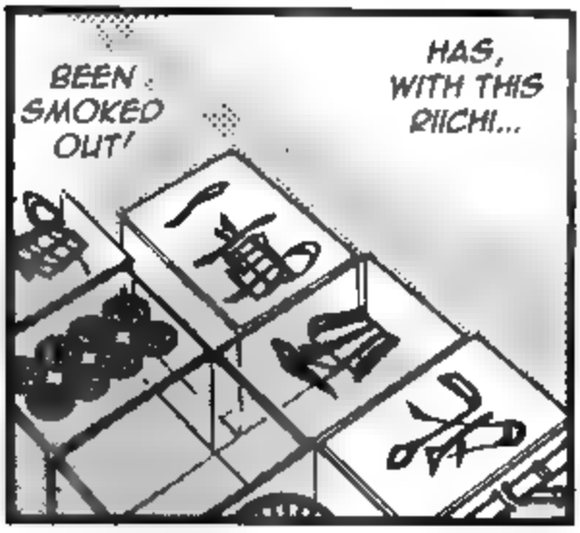
EVEN WHILE KNOWING...
IN THE SAME WAY THAT A PRISONER...

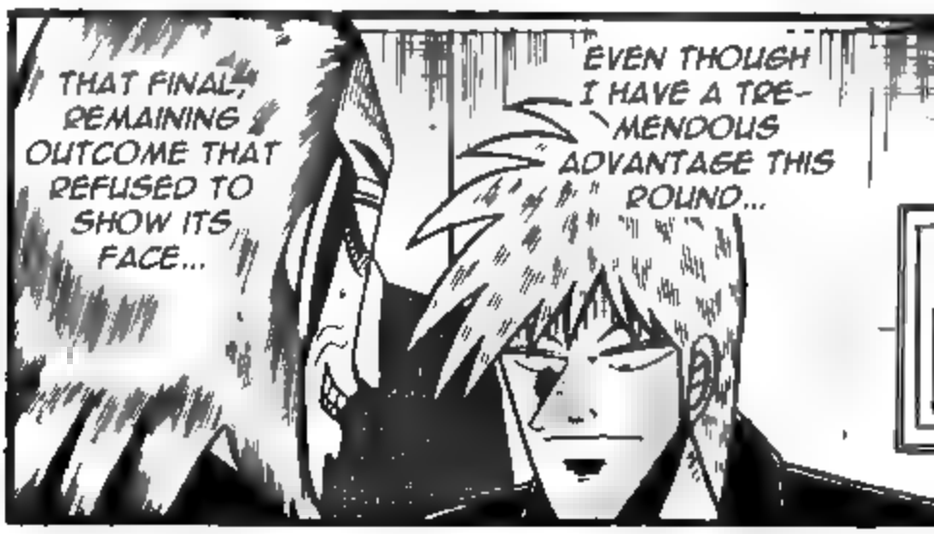

DO YOU WANT TO BELIEVE IN MIRACLES....?!

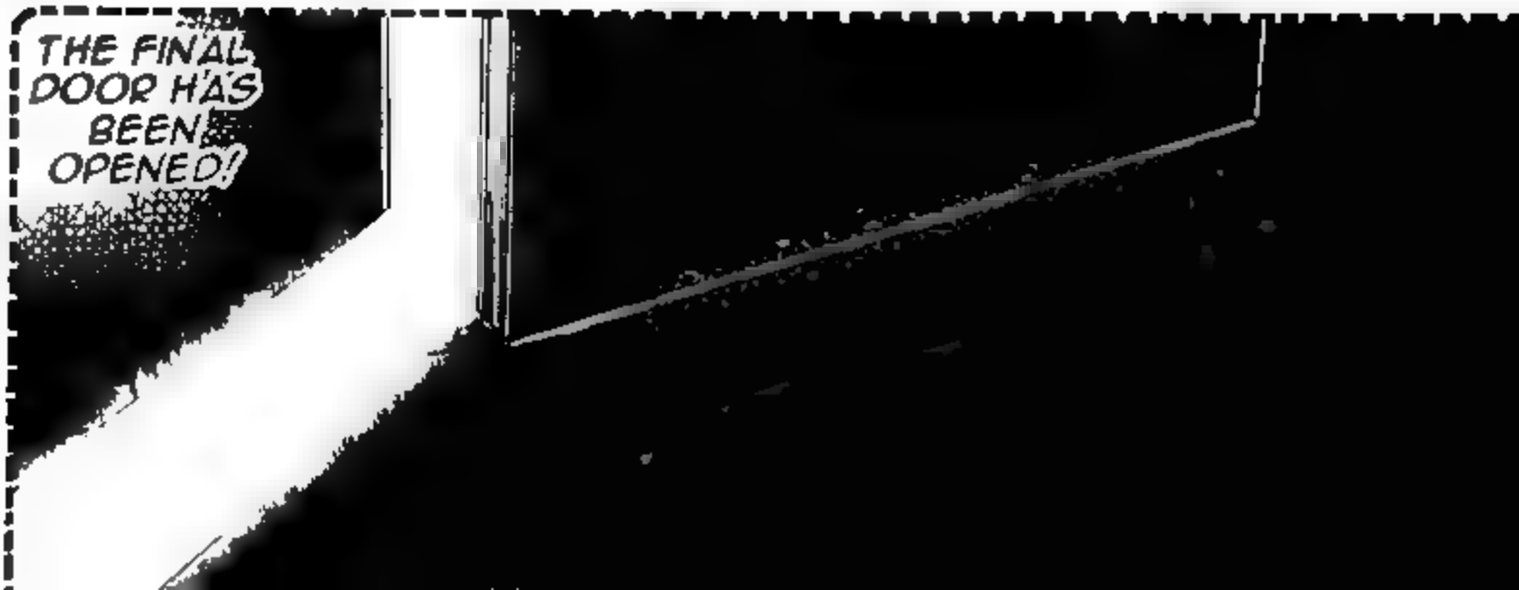


REALITY IS OFTEN CRUEL.
UNFOR-TUNATELY...

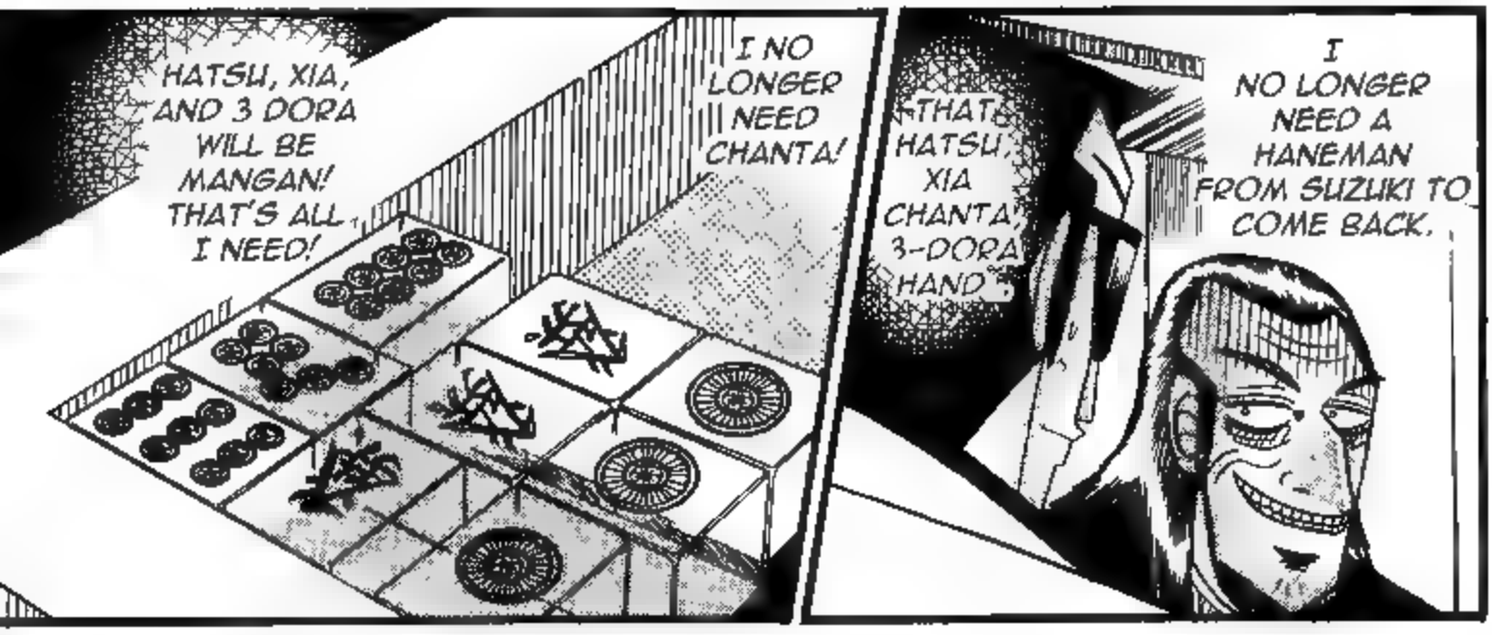
WILL ONLY CAUSE HIS DEATH, IN THE END!
THAT TINY BIT OF HOPE...

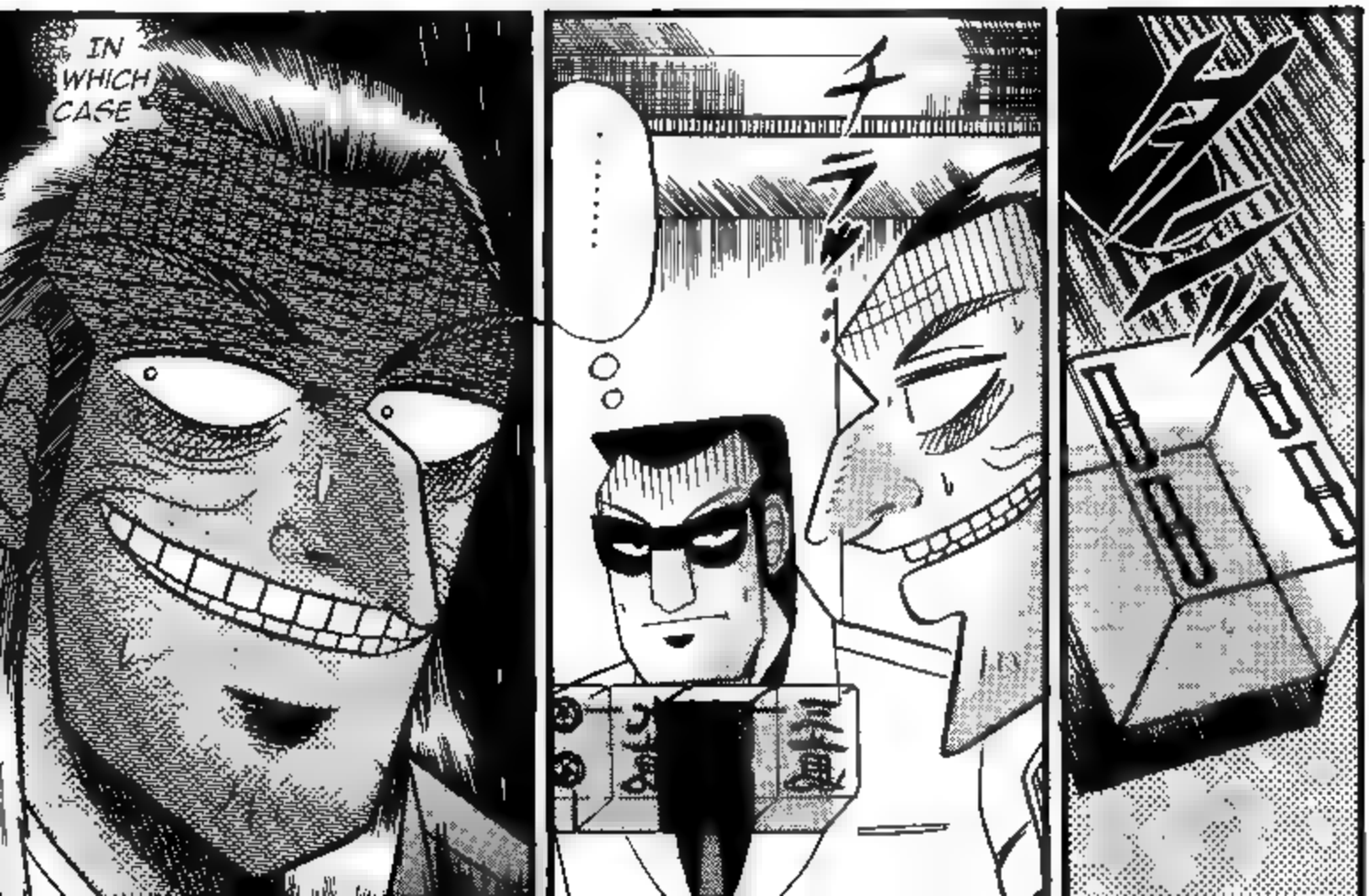

BEEN SMOKED OUT!
HAS, WITH THIS RIICHI...


THAT FINAL, REMAINING OUTCOME THAT REFUSED TO SHOW ITS FACE...
EVEN THOUGH I HAVE A TREMENDOUS ADVANTAGE THIS ROUND...


THE FINAL DOOR HAS BEEN OPENED!

A GOD OF DEATH HAS NOW INVADED THIS ROOM!


HATSU, XIA, AND 3 DORA WILL BE MANGAN! THAT'S ALL I NEED!
I NO LONGER NEED CHANTA!
THAT'S HATSU, XIA CHANTA, 3-DORA HAND.
I NO LONGER NEED A HANEMAN FROM SUZUKI TO COME BACK.


IN WHICH CASE
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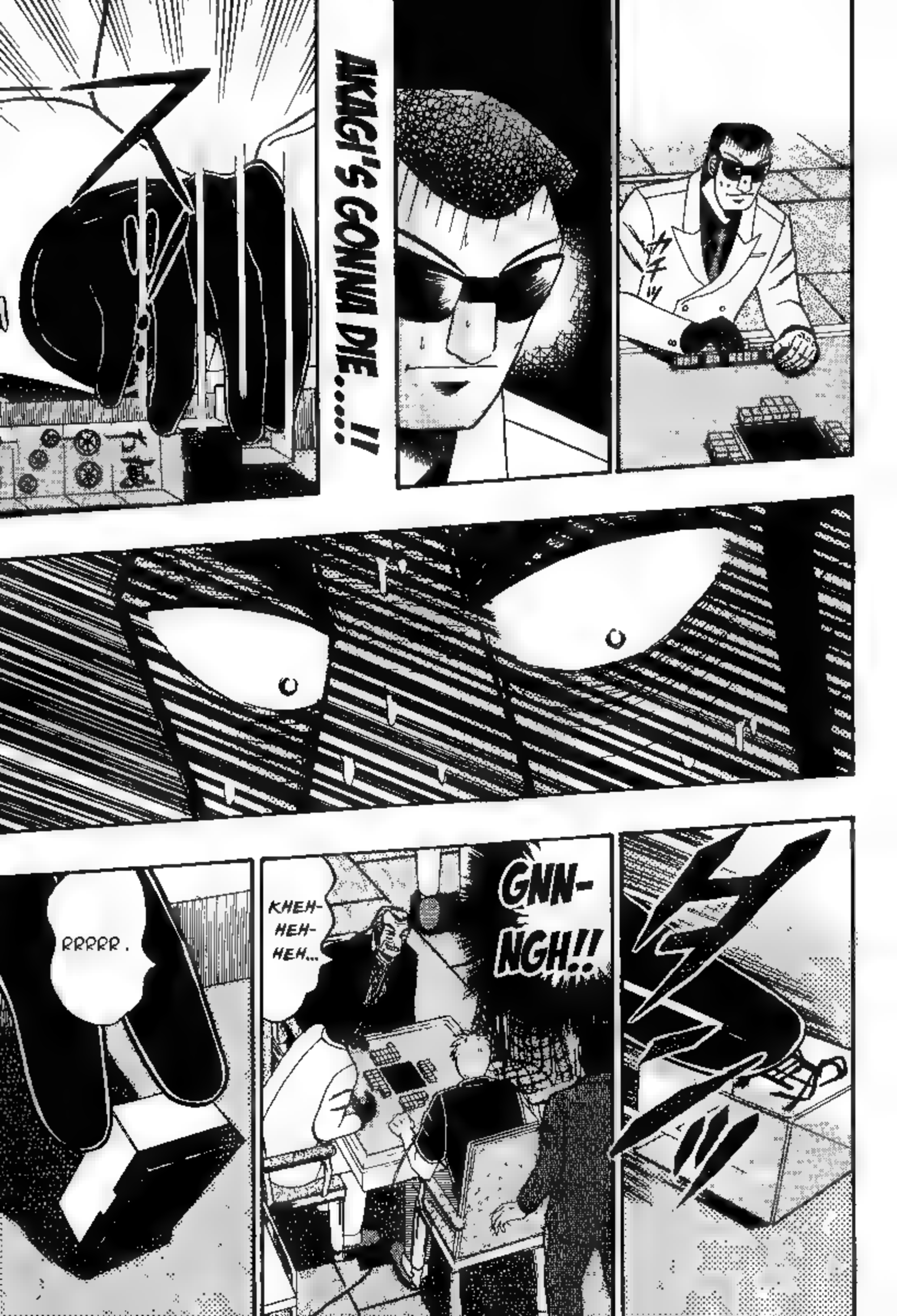
PLAY THE DORA!!

KHEH HEH HEH-HH!!!
NNGH...!

PON!!
THIS...
AHH-...!

SETTLES IT!!
AHHH-HHH!!!
WILL KILL AKAGI!
THAT NATSU, XIA, 3-DORI HAND ...
HE'LL DEAL IN IT'S OVER

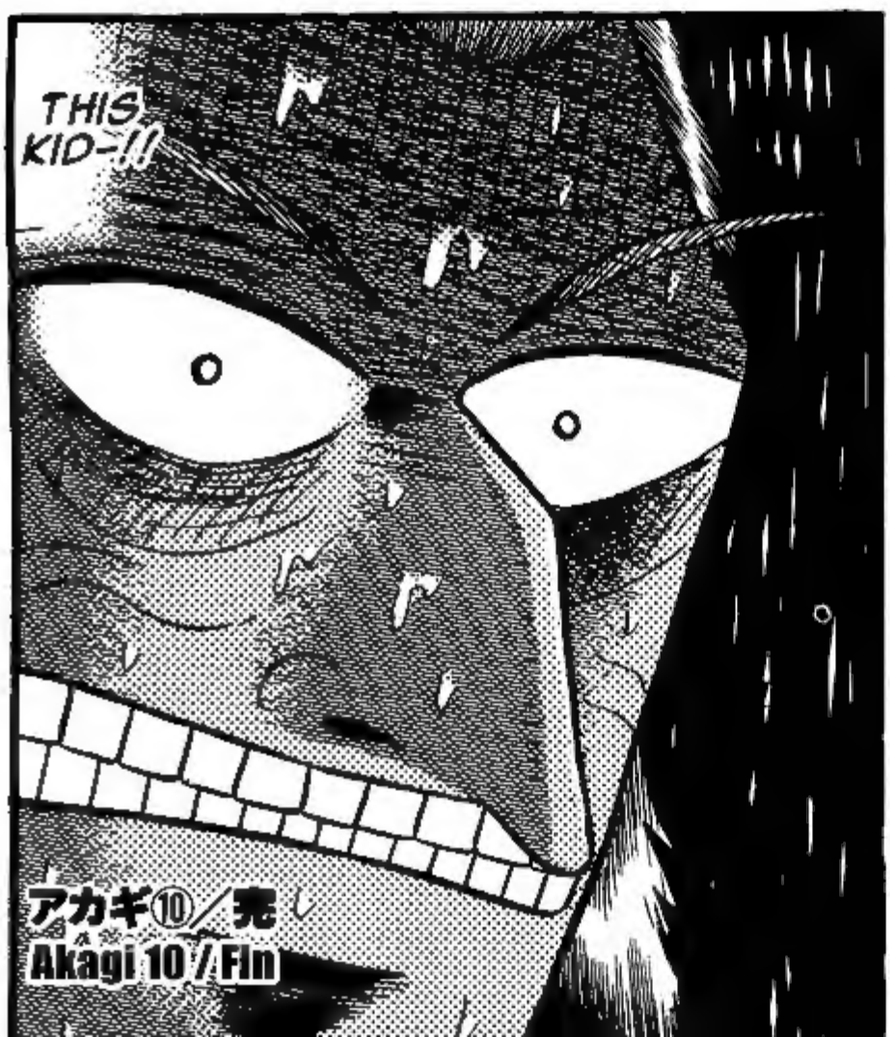

AKAGI'S GONNA DIE.....!!
RRRRR.
KHEH-HEH-HEH...
GNN-NGH!!

RON!
EUG-
HH!
KHEH-
HEH-
HEH...
HUH...?
HM-
HMM...
TOO
BAD...

I'LL HEAD-BUMP THAT!
NN- NGH...!!
WHA-?!
HM- HMM

IF YOU HADN'T BEEN SO HASTY, YOU COULD'VE WON.
IF YOU'D WAITED 2 OR 3 TURNS YOU MIGHT'VE DRAWN IT, SO...
SO YOU THOUGHTLESSLY RUSHED IN TO TAKE THE WIN.
YOU STARTED FEELING PRESSURED...
GR-RGH-!!
WHAT WERE YOU SO AFRAID OF?

HM-
HMM-
HMM...
YOU'RE ACTUALLY A COWARD...
WASHIZU IWAO.


THIS KID-!!
アカギ⑩／完
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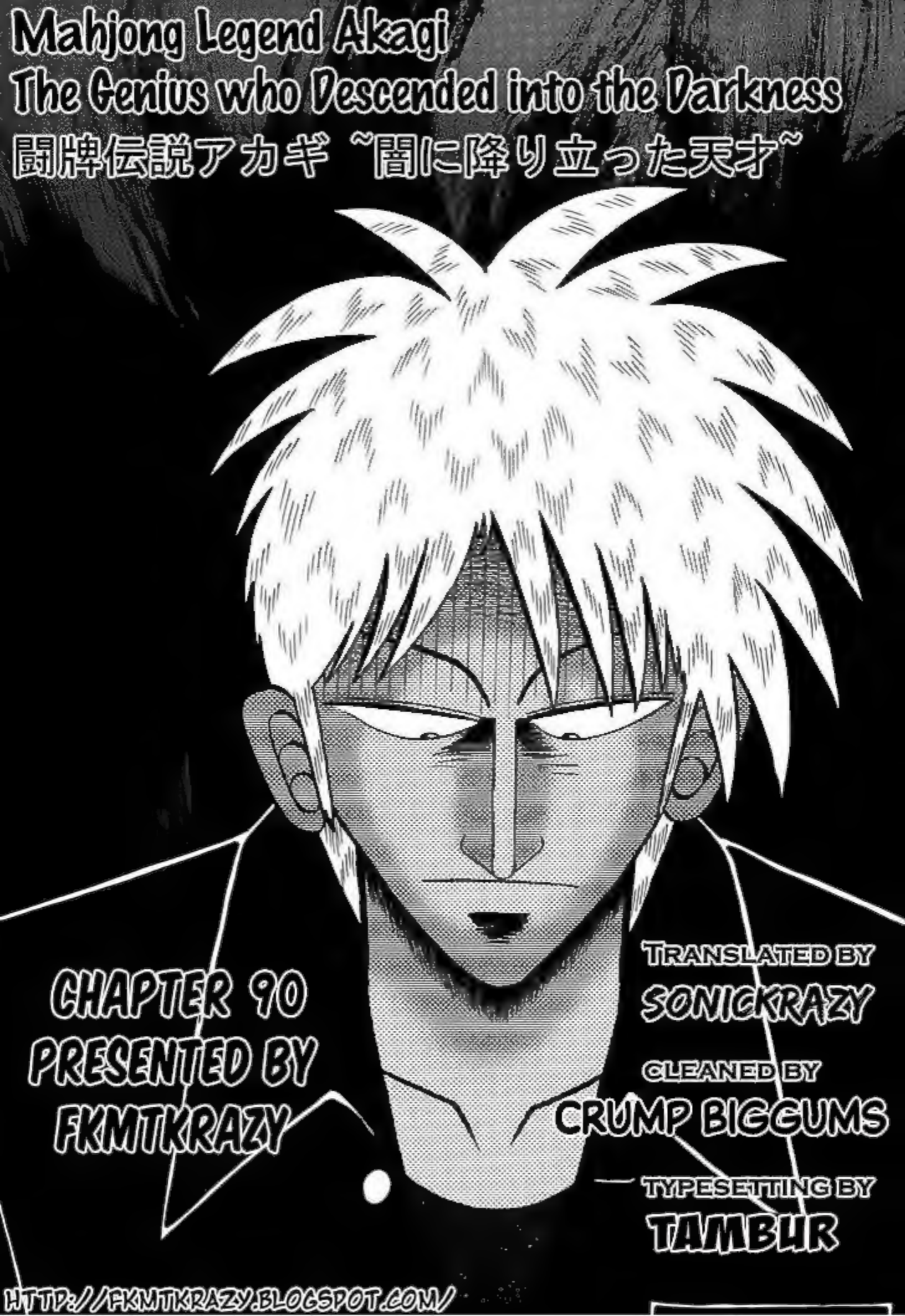

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